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Statue worth $605,000 found in attic!

YOUR old house may be hiding a valuable treasure like this one, a bronze statue by renowned artist Frederic Remington.

By MARTHA ATKINS

A bronze statue that was lost for the last 50 years was recently sold at auction for $605,000 — after it was found in an attic collecting dust!

The statue, *Cheyenne*, was the work of Frederic Remington (1861-1909), one of the best known artists to specialize in the American West.

Lost relic collected dust — for 50 years

At one time it belonged to industrialist William Mountain. The bronze disappeared after Mountain's death in 1936 and was recently found by his grandson while he was sifting through the attic of a relative in Lansing, Mich.

"I found it way back in the corner with a whole bunch of blankets and papers piled over it," said Richard Alexander, 67. "I pulled it out, looked at it and said, 'Boy, what do I have here?' "

What the St. Petersburg, Fla., retiree had found, according to Joseph Walker of the DuMouchelle Art Gallery in Detroit, Mich., was the No. 2 casting of Remington's famous work.

"It was a wonderful find," said Walker. "You can tell from the detail on the piece that Mr. Remington worked on it himself."

He said the bronze was a classic example of Remington's works, which are noted for their action and accurate portrayal of American Indians, cowboys and soldiers from the 19th century.

After Alexander found the statue, he decided to check the rest of the attic to see if there might be more of the famous artist's missing works.

With flashlight in hand, he uncovered Remington paintings and drawings.

The oldster found nine additional works — three oil paintings, two pen and ink drawings and four pencil sketches.

He brought them all to DuMouchelle art gallery to be sold.

The paintings and drawings were auctioned off at the same time as the *Cheyenne* and all of them sold for over $1 million. The remaining four sketches will be auctioned off at a later date.

According to Walker, the find was nothing short of amazing.

"You just don't find artwork like this in someone's attic anymore," said Walker.

"We get calls all the time from people who say they've got a Frederic Remington to sell but they're almost always fakes.

"And the great thing about this is that the money isn't going to change this guy's life-style one bit. He'll stay just the way he is.

"He's a great guy!"

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Big bill for a bundle of joy

By SUSAN JIMISON

A bundle of joy costs a bundle of money, according to estimates by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

You can spend anywhere from $47,412 to $112,017 raising a child from infancy to independence. If you spoil your kid with designer clothes and high-tech toys, add $50,000 to $75,000 to the price tag. And if you expect to send him to college, he'll cost you another $4,000 to $18,000 a year!

Prices vary from place to place in the U.S., of course. And depending on where you shop, you can trim prices or add to them as you wish. Here's a breakdown of just a few of the costs, in case you're contemplating bringing one into the world:

INFANCY: Delivery costs from $2,923 to $4,210. Baby's wardrobe will cost from $350 on up, depending where you shop — and that's not counting diapers. They'll cost an incredible $2,000 if you use disposables, and $1,500 if you get them from a diaper service.

Your little sipper will chow down on 400 quarts of milk before he's weaned. That'll cost you about $600. Baby food adds another $1,000 to the bill. All those cribs, swings, playpens and other gear add $810 or more and toys and books another $250 a year. And before he's 2, you'll pay at least $15,000 to cover child care for the little one if mom works.

TODDLER: Figure on at least $10,297 to feed and clothe your little one from age 2 to 5. Then factor in extras like preschool ($220 to $810 a month), furniture at $400 to $800, and toys at $300 a year.

ELEMENTARY AGE: You can expect to spend $2,500 to $8,420 a year on your child at this age, not counting extra for trips, birthday parties and lessons. If you send the kid to camp in the summers, add $300 to as much as $4,000.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH: Teens will cost you from $3,143 to $7,567 a year — but they'll be bashing your budget with their endless requests for extra cash. You'll spend a bundle if you plan to buy him a car.

Foremost American scientists discover:

YOU CAN LIVE TO BE 200

. . . by sleeping inside a fridge every night!

By JOE BERGER

Every man, woman and child on earth could live to be 200 years old — by spending their nights in a refrigerator!

That's the staggering conclusion of America's foremost scientists, who say it won't be long before we're all bedding down in the fridge — and tripling our life span in the process.

"Incredible as it sounds, that day is coming," says renowned biochemist Dr. Angelo Turturro of the National Center for Toxicological Research.

"By sleeping in refrigeration units, we'll all be healthier, more energetic and better looking at 150 than we are now at 50."

When that day comes, we'll do our snoozing in special cooling chambers that safely lower our body temperature by approximately 15 degrees.

"With that drop in temperature, all our bodily activities will slow nearly to a standstill — almost like we're in a state of hibernation," Dr. Turturro said.

"Sleep will be very deep and very restful. And since our bodies will be dormant, we won't ever have to hop up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom." Our chill-out chamber will be programmed to warm us up to normal as morning approaches.

The nightly hibernation will not only help us live to be 200, it'll keep us looking better, too — by slowing down the aging process that gives us all those bags, sags and wrinkles.

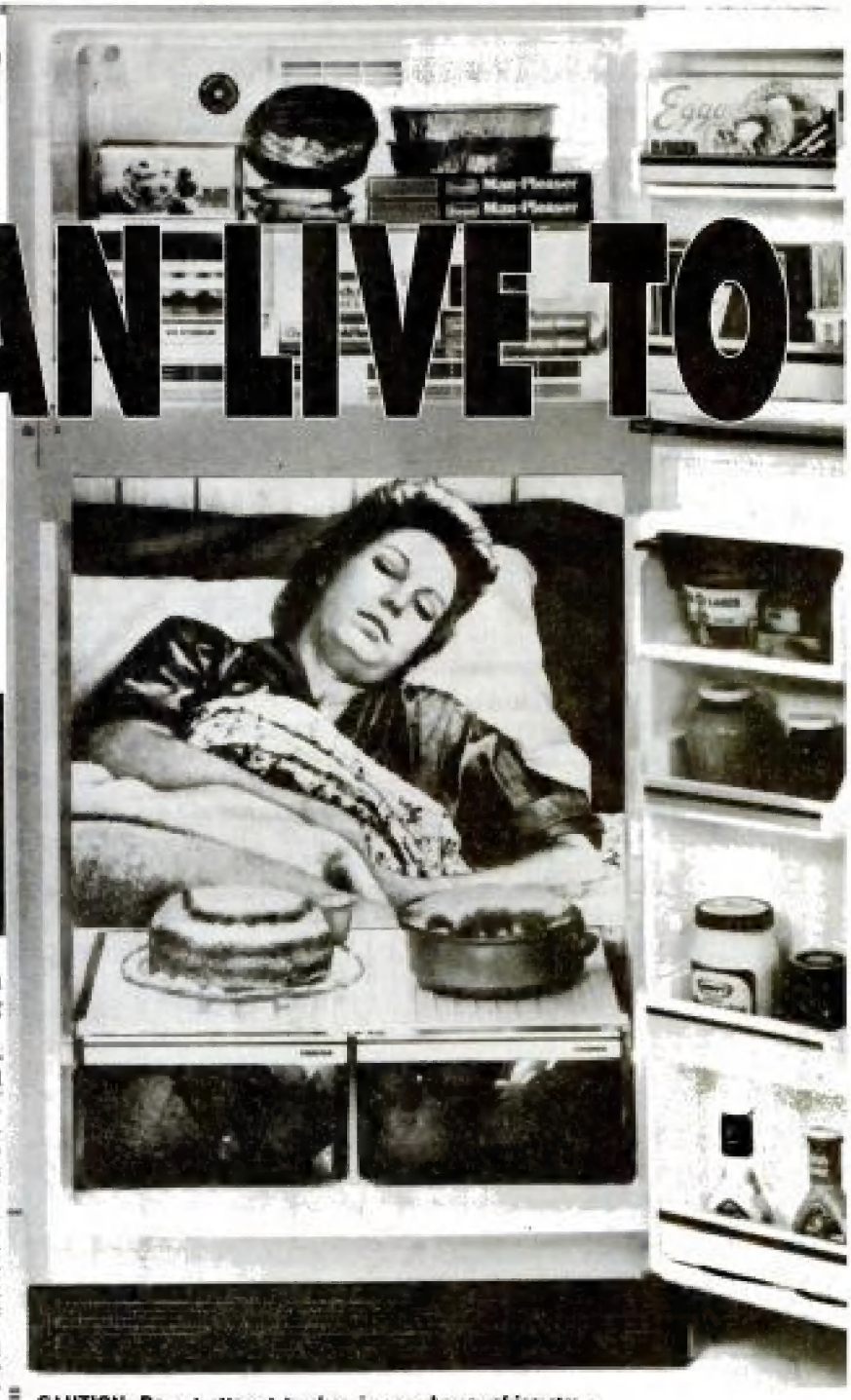
And scientists say it will also wipe out most major diseases, including cancer and heart disease.

"It's clear that every area of our life will be vastly improved," Dr. Turturro said.

Researchers are already tripling the life span of laboratory rats and mice through chilling — and federally funded studies on humans will begin soon.

"It's no longer a question of if we can double or triple human life spans," Dr. Turturro said.

"It's now a question of when."



CAUTION: Do not attempt to sleep in your home refrigerator.

Lottery nut steals to feed his habit, cops say

By MARTHA ATKINS

Cops arrested a man after he confessed to faking three robberies at the convenience store where he worked — because he needed the money to buy more lottery tickets!

Robert Kempton, 20, said he was addicted to the lottery and stole a total of $4,000 from the Farm Store where he was employed so he could buy about 40 scratch-off tickets a day, said police.

Cops became suspicious of the Tamarac, Fla., man after he filed police reports in October, September and May, saying he'd been robbed and that once he'd even been knocked unconscious.

"We became suspicious because of the number of robberies at the same store," said Pompano Beach Police Lieut. David Cassell.

"And after each of the three robberies, he was cashing in a lot of lottery tickets at a nearby store."

When police began questioning Kempton about the robberies, he broke down and confessed to faking them and stealing the money himself, said Lieut. Cassell.

Bighearted schoolkids raise $100G to pay family's expenses

BURN BOY TO GET A NEW FACE

By DICK DONOVAN

Pitiful burn boy Farris Howard can look forward to being a healthy, good-looking boy again — because children in his hometown raised almost $100,000 to send him to a Shriners' hospital here in America!

Although treatment at the famed Shriners' Burns Institute in Boston, Mass., is free, the 3-year-old boy's parents didn't have the money needed for the trip from their home in Toxteth, England.

"My husband Ian and I are absolutely staggered by what those children have done for us," Farris' 22-year-old mom Marcella said. "They have made it possible for my baby to get a second chance at living a normal, happy life."

Tragic Farris was horribly burned over 90 percent of his body in a fire that swept through his home and took the life of his 18-month-old brother Beau.

'It's a miracle,' says his mom

MOM Marcella says she has been overwhelmed by the donors' generosity.

Farris was pulled from the blazing house by his father and a passerby, but he was so badly charred that doctors held little hope the youngster would live more than a few hours.

"But they saved him, and that was our first miracle," the grateful mom said. "The second miracle came when the Shriners' Burns Institute accepted Farris as a patient.

"But the airfare and the cost of our living in Boston while Farris undergoes treatment was simply beyond our ability to pay.

"Things were looking very bleak. Then we got our third miracle when the children went out and collected all that money to help us."

Armed with collection cans, the children took to the streets of Toxteth after school and waged a door-to-door crusade for funds.

They carried on their fund drive for weeks in their determination to raise the money Farris' family so desperately needed. Inspired by their children's unselfish efforts, parents pitched in to organize a charity race and stage pop music concerts to benefit the Howard family.

And workers at a nearby auto plant pooled their funds and donated almost $20,000 to the fund.

It will take years for little Farris to undergo all of the skin grafts and therapy that lies ahead. The hands he lost in the blaze will be replaced with artificial ones and the scars that cover his body will, little by little, be erased.

And it is all being made possible by the compassionate generosity of hundreds of thousands of Shriners in America — and the loving children of Toxteth, England. "We will never be able to express our gratitude for the miracle treatment they have all made possible for our baby," Farris' mom said.

TRAGICALLY disfigured burn victim Farris Howard, 3, has been accepted by the world's most advanced burn hospital for treatment.

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Little Farris' treatment is expected to take years to complete and the family's living expenses will go on and on. If you would like to help ease that crippling financial burden, you can send your contribution to: Farris Howard Account 936 742790/A, c/o National Westminster Bank, 2 Princess Road, Liverpool 8, England.

Judge cuts parrot's inheritance to $18G

Ellen Bengtson loved her parrot Chico so much that when she died, she left him and another pet $70,000!

But a Clinton, Iowa, judge has cut poor Chico's inheritance. Judge C.H. Pelton ruled that Chico needs only $18,000 in living expenses and, eventually, burial expenses.

Pepi the poodle, the other pet given a bequest in Ellen Bengtson's will, has died.

'The woman's dead and she still won't shut up,' says widower

DEAD BATTLE-AX Katerina Sahm, left, disrupted a quiet seance where her husband, Franz, right, was trying to contact his deceased mother.

WIFE'S SPIRIT NAGS HUBBY DURING SEANCE

By LAUREL BOWIE

Henpecked hubby Franz Sahm figured he'd heard the last of his crabby wife Katerina the day she tried to chew him out at the dinner table and choked to death on a frankfurter.

But flabbergasted Franz, 54, learned there was no escape when he went to a seance 10 months later — and cranky Katerina started nagging him from beyond the grave!

"I've never been so angry and humiliated in my life," the bewildered widower told reporters in Vienna, Austria.

"I went to the seance to try to contact my mother, and all of a sudden Katerina's spirit shows up and starts to nag, nag, nag — just like she did when she was alive.

"Everyone else's loved ones brought messages of love and inspiration.

"Then Katerina butts in, yakking about how fat I'm getting and hassling me about why I don't take better care of the cats and why I don't put flowers on her grave.

"It was upsetting. The woman's dead and she still won't shut her mouth."

Franz told his story after psychic Helga Klocke mentioned his plight in her monthly seance newsletter.

"Most contacts with the spirit world are pleasant and rewarding, but there are occasions where those from the other side project themselves where they are not wanted," the psychic said.

"That was the case with Mr. Sahm."

Franz said he endured cantankerous Katerina's needling and nagging through 33 years of marriage.

"I tried so hard to please her, but no matter what I did it was always wrong," he said. "When she died I grieved — but I thought at least I'm free of her bitching and moaning.

"I thought there was no way she could get at me from where she was."

But 10 months after Katerina's death, a friend persuaded Franz to attend a seance at a neighbor's home.

"My mom has been dead for 22 years, and I thought it would be nice to make contact with her," he recalled.

"But when Madame Klocke tried to summon Mother, all of a sudden there was Katerina. She spent five minutes telling me how lazy I was and how fat I was and blabbering about all the things I should do to get my life in order.

"She warned me that we're going to meet again on the other side and said I'd better not even think about finding myself another woman now that she's gone.

"I was embarrassed and everybody there was embarrassed for me. I just sat there with my mouth open.

"I simply couldn't believe she'd come back from the dead to make my life miserable."

Yuk! America's least liked foods

According to a recent survey the foods that American adults hate the most are apricots, asparagus, Brussels sprouts, cantaloupe, cauliflower, cherries, sweet potatoes and watermelon.

Down in the dumps

A Dumpster in Flint, Mich., is the home of this worn-out dummy. No doubt about it, somebody told the poor fellow to "go get stuffed!"

Family finds shocking surprise in opened tomb:

THIEVES STOLE DEAD DAD'S HEAD!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Satan worshipers or vandals with a sick sense of humor broke into the tomb of Joseph Wallace — and stole his head.

"I should've buried him in the backyard," said his distressed daughter, Kay Wallace, who vowed to sue the cemetery for mental anguish.

Miss Wallace's nightmare began a year ago when someone "jimmied" open the marble and mortar vault that had housed her father's casket for 10 years.

The extent of the vandalism remained unknown for months as Miss Wallace and officials at the Greenwood, La., cemetery argued over who would pay to have the body exhumed, and other details.

Armed with a court order from District Judge Richard Ganucheau, both sides gathered at the tomb recently for a peek inside. Family members even brought a video camera.

"We cleared the foam padding away and we saw my father," said Miss Wallace. "We saw his socks, then his suit pants, his shirt, his tie. Then, above the collar of the shirt, there was no head there. No head!"

Family members suspect devil worshipers swiped the skull for their bizarre rituals, but police think it was the work of vandals. "We've had no reports of other graves being bothered," said Police Detective Olney Roberts. "And we've had no evidence that satanic cults are around here."

"I should have just buried him in the backyard or cremated him," said the disgusted daughter.

"Now I've got to try to sleep at night seeing a corpse without a head."

Clay pigeon cutie

Tempting Toni White is a crack shot and no clay pigeon is safe when she's in the area. But the bouncy belle currently has her sights set on movie stardom. She's also got her eye out for a fella — small bores need not apply.

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Elephant squashes animal lover!

OMER Norton, pictured here playing with a friendly elephant, was crushed by another elephant while he was trying to break up a fight.

The Cambridge Reporter, Ontario

By DICK DONOVAN

Young college student Omer Norton had hoped to spend his life working with wild animals. But his dream ended suddenly and horribly — when he was savagely crushed to death by a circus elephant turned killer!

The handsome 21-year-old animal physiology student was killed by a 10,000-pound bull elephant that knocked him to the ground, then crushed him with the weight of his massive head.

Trainer dreamed of devoting his life to caring for critters

The tragedy happened at an African Lion Safari tourist park near Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where Norton had worked seasonally and part-time since 1984.

He was rushed to a hospital in nearby Cambridge where he later died of massive internal injuries.

"We are absolutely devastated by Omer's death," park president Don Dailley told *The NEWS*. "He was a highly competent elephant handler. He was just fascinated by animals and had a real interest and love for them."

Park officials said the 18-year-old Asian bull elephant named Tusko had been donated by a circus.

Dailley said in the three years he has been at the park Tusko had given "no indication of any aggression toward the staff."

But it was Tusko's short temper that resulted in Norton's tragic death.

The McMaster University student had separated Tusko from another elephant he had been fighting. When the two furious beasts moved apart, Norton was knocked down by Tusko, witnesses said. The big bull then leaned his head on Norton and crushed him against the ground.

A park spokesman said no decision has yet been made on Tusko's fate.

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Gramps sues hospital — for saving his life!

By JACK ALEXANDER

An angry old man and his family have sued a hospital — for saving his life.

Elderly Edward H. Winter and his family are still fuming because medical personnel at the hospital allegedly went against their wishes.

Winter, now 83, entered St. Francis-St. George Hospital in Cincinnati in May 1988 with chest pains.

It was his wish that nothing special be done to save his life if he suffered a severe heart attack in the hospital. His family agreed.

His doctor even signed a "no code" order telling hospital personnel not to perform any lifesaving methods.

But when the old guy suffered a heart attack, hospital workers ignored his doctor's order and used electric shock to restart his heart, according to the lawsuit filed in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court. Two days later, Winter suffered a severe stroke that left him paralyzed on the right side and dependent on others.

Since that fateful day, crippled Winter has been confined to a nursing home, virtually waited on hand and foot, said his attorney, William C. Knapp.

"If the hospital had adhered to his wishes, he wouldn't be faced with the physical and financial strain that now exists," said Knapp.

"Everybody had decided when he entered the hospital last year that if it was his time to go, it was O.K. with everyone."

The hospital has not filed an answer to the unusual lawsuit.

He was ready to meet his Maker

Forget 'Jaws' — people are not at the top of shark menus

Crowded beaches must look like a perfect picnic for sharks — but shark expert Sam Gruber says that sharks aren't interested in chowing down on people.

According to Gruber, people aren't on a shark's menu because we're too big. Sharks normally swim up to their prey and suck it in without even biting. Then again, beachloads of swimmers are new to sharks. Until recently there just were not enough bathers to represent a major food source.

About 2,000 people a year are devoured by alligators and crocodiles, but only about 25 die from shark attacks. Less than half of the shark attacks are motivated by hunger. Most are just aggressive behavior.

Scientists say that if a swimmer loses a leg or two in the attack, then the shark was probably hungry.

Beautiful Benita Andre is ringing in the new year with a role in the *Zorro* series on cable TV. The show lets the New Mexico-born actress show off her fencing skills, which she learned at the London Academy of Musical and Dramatic Art.

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Cops nab hooded creep — and unmask police chief!

TOP COP wore a black leather head with zippered mouth.

By SCOTTY PAUL

Police couldn't believe their eyes when they ripped the mask off a man who prowled the streets at night scaring people — and discovered it was a visiting police chief.

He had been cruising the red-light district in Leeds, England, where prostitutes were terrorized for years by the infamous Yorkshire Ripper, who butchered 13 women, cops said..

Police launched a massive search for the masked man after receiving reports that he had scared the daylights out of couples in parked cars.

"We thought we might have another Yorkshire Ripper on our hands," said a relieved detective. "He would drive by the couples, roll down his car window and stare at them."

When cops finally caught up with the police chief — who wasn't identified — he was wearing a black leather mask with slits for the eyes and a zipper over the mouth.

The weird-acting chief had been questioned twice before as he cruised the darkened street. But he always had a good reason for being there.

Weirdo cruised red-light district & terrorized couples

"He didn't have the mask on then," said the detective. "So we had no reason to believe he wasn't on official business."

The prowling police chief has been put on sick leave while officials decide what action, if any, will be taken against him.

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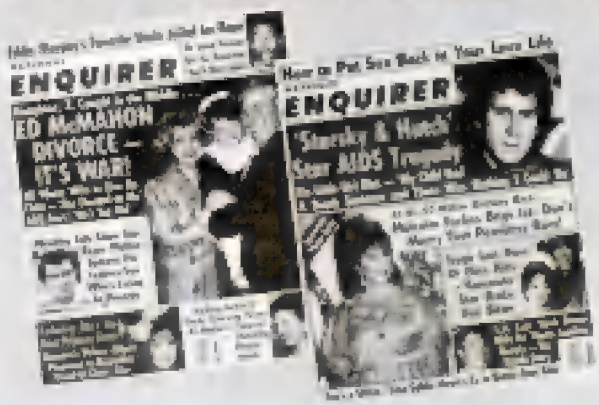

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Telly Savalas: I hitched a ride with a ghost!

KOJAK star Telly Savalas got a lift in a black Cadillac after he ran out of gas one night — and later found out that the driver was a phantom!

'It's haunted me ever since'

As chrome-dome Detective Kojak, Telly Savalas has nerves of steel. But tough-guy Telly gets goose bumps thinking about the night he hitched a ride — with a ghost in a big, black Cadillac!

"It was a scary experience that has haunted me ever since," Telly told a reporter.

The chilling adventure began one cold, dark night when Savalas flagged down a guy in a Caddy after running out of gas on a remote road in upstate New York.

The friendly fellow not only offered to run stranded Telly to a service station, he offered to lend him gas money when the embarrassed actor admitted he was broke.

"When we were driving back from the gas station, he suddenly said to me out of thin air, 'I know Harry Agannis,'" Telly recalled. "I said, 'Who's he?' And he said, 'He's an infielder for the Boston Red Sox.'

"Now we weren't talking about baseball at the time, yet he'd just blurted this out. I didn't say anything — I figured the guy was a nut."

But the next day, unsuspecting Telly strolled out of his New York office and spotted the headline: HARRY AGANNIS DEAD — BASEBALL STAR DIES UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES!

"I grabbed the paper, and it said the time of death was 3 a.m.," he recalled. "Now I've never been one for ghosts and psychic stuff, but this was spooky.

"Here's this guy telling me, 'I know

At 50, Tina Turner wants to be a mom!

Steamy Tina Turner just turned 50 — but the bump-and-grind granny says she still wants to have a baby!

"I'm not quite ready to be an old lady," the sultry songbird told an interviewer. "While I'm still able, I'd like to try for a baby girl."

Terrific Tina has four grown sons by former husband Ike, but she longs for the daughter who's never come along.

And the ageless lady figures current beau Erwin Bach — 16 years her junior — is just the guy to help make that dream come true.

"I usually get rid of my men after 2½ years," Tina allowed. "But Erwin and I are doing real good." — *Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel.*

Tina has four grown sons, but Tina Turner wants to have a baby girl.

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It has to be one of the most chilling scenes in movie history — poor **Janet Leigh** being murdered in the shower by *Psycho* psycho Norman Bates. But still-gorgeous Janet, now 62, doesn't want fans believing they saw her naked in the 1960 thriller.

"People think they saw me nude, but they didn't," the actress says. "I wore a flesh-colored moleskin bikini. It was just Hitchcock's brilliance." — *London News of the World.*

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It seems **John Lennon** really did just wanna hold her hand.

A former pal says the sometimes-wacky warbler avoided sex with wife **Yoko Ono** during the last years of his life — because he thought abstaining would make him psychic.

The squealer, Fred Seaman, leaked that juicy tidbit from a book he's penning about the dead Beatle boy. — *Miami Herald.*

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A judge says sex-kitten-turned-spoilsport **Brigitte Bardot** had every right to castrate a neighbor's donkey when the critter got too friendly with her old mare. French industrialist Jean-Pierre Manivet sued Brigitte, claiming he left his donkey Charley in her care while he went on vacation — then returned to St. Tropez to find Charley stripped of his manhood.

But the court ruled the former silver screen sizzler was justified in bringing Charley up short and fined the donkey's owner a whopping $3,300 for "creating a false notoriety" around the case. — *USA Today.*

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Dog-crazy **Queen Elizabeth** has so many corgis and Labrador retrievers roaming 'round the palace that she's always stumped for names when a new batch of pups comes along. So clever Liz grabs the obituary section of the *London Times* — and names her pooches after her dead countrymen. — *New York Post.*

Janet Leigh reveals secret of 'Psycho' shower scene

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There was lots of grumbling going on the other night when guys shelled out $10 apiece to see **Jessica Hahn** at a wild and woolly Canadian strip joint — and the only thing Jessica bared was her soul.

The gal who dallied with moneybags TV preacher **Jim Bakker** and helped topple his PTL empire did nothing but talk during her brief appearance at the bustling Million Dollar Saloon in Windsor, Ontario.

Patrons said they felt gypped because newspaper ads left the impression that Jessica would doff her duds. — *Montreal Gazette.*

Harry Agannis' at the exact time Agannis died. How could he have known that? There was no radio on in the car."

Later that day, trembling Telly remembered he'd asked the guy to write out his name and address so he could mail him the money he'd borrowed. And when he dug out the slip of paper, he found the name James Cullen on it, along with a phone number.

Savalas called the number and reached Cullen's startled wife. She told him the man he described to her was indeed her husband, Jimmy Cullen — but Jimmy had been dead for three long years!

Then came the chilling clincher that convinced TV's toughest cop that he really had accepted a ride from a ghost.

"I described the clothes he was wearing the night I met him," Telly said. "She was real quiet for a few seconds, and then she said:

"Those are the clothes my husband was buried in." — *Australian Post.*

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Millionairess **Meryl Streep** has been raising hell lately because Hollywood's leading men make more moolah than their leading ladies. Now big-bucks Ghostbusters star **Sigourney Weaver** is joining the crusade.

"Did you know that in *Working Girl*, **Melanie Griffith** and I got paid about half of Harrison Ford's fee?" Sigourney steamed.

"It happens on every film to every leading actress.

"What I would like to do is organize 20 of the world's top female stars — actresses like Meryl Streep, **Glenn Close** — into some sort of organized protest that would change the system.

"Wouldn't it be fun — the 20 of us hocking the system?" — *London Daily Mirror.*

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Old-time swashbuckler **Stewart Granger** has seen a slew of his British acting colleagues bestowed with knighthoods, but the *King Solomon's Mines* star insists he has no desire to be knighted.

"It just costs you more," he says. "Everyone expects a bigger tip." — *Parade.*

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Blond rocker **Billy Idol** landed in a hospital after a knife-wielding fan chased him through the streets of London — and stabbed him four times!

Spike-haired Bill's nightmare began when the loony-tunes approached him in the middle of the night as he left a swinging Soho club. The guy wanted an autograph, so Idol obliged.

Moments later, Billy got into a cab and the weirdo climbed in right behind him — waving a knife.

The terrified rocker scrambled out the other side and took off down the street with the rabid fan in hot pursuit. The freak finally caught up with Idol in an alley and stabbed him in the leg four times before disappearing into the night.

The hard-rock screamer, recovering in a London hospital, did his best to hush up the hair-raising tale.

"I don't want this guy to think he's something special 'cause he stabbed me," Billy told a friend. — *London Daily Mirror.*

Sigourney Weaver: Leading ladies paid peanuts!

WHAT A SPORT!

Actress Leah Parks is in love with the great outdoors. When she's not appearing in such movies as *Brewster's Millions*, Leah enjoys horseback riding, volleyball, hiking and skating. After a good workout she shows off her fabulous figure while sunbathing!

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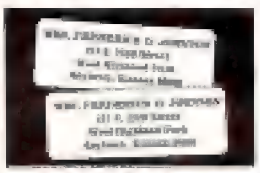

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DOUBLE TROUBLE

Dad raising two sets of twins — *by himself!*

By SUSAN JIMISON

Superdad Rudy Szabo is raising twins on his own — two sets of them, all toddlers!

The former machinist is now a homemaker with his hands full. He's looking after James and Michael, 3, and Julia and Joseph, 2, and he's been looking after them for two years now.

"I made them so I have to take care of them," said Szabo, whose wife left him when the youngest twins were a month old.

"When they're older I'll tell them I did it because I love them.

"There's women out there who do this, so I can too. I'll take care of them — that's my motto. I want them to have good lives — that's my reward."

Szabo quit his job to become a 24-hour dad rather than put his kids with strangers. And judging by his four feisty offspring, he's done a first rate job of raising his little ones.

The Cleveland, Ohio, man is living off his savings, so money is tight.

But love is plentiful in the Szabo home — and the dedicated dad's days are hectic.

Szabo's day begins early with breakfast for his four hungry youngsters. Then he dresses the kids, does the laundry and cleans up the house.

When the kids were younger, he used to take them for walks with the two oldest ones in strollers, one of the little twins hanging in a carrier from the handles and the fourth child in a baby carrier strapped on his back.

Now that the kids are older, the family gets out of the house more, but Szabo still needs help from his mom to do the shopping, he says.

"They're all potty trained," said the overworked father, who used to spend an incredible $120 a month on diapers.

"That's a help. And I get a break now and then by hiring baby-sitters. It's once in a blue moon though, because with four kids sitters get expensive."

Szabo, who plans to return to school or work next year, says the hardest thing for him is finding other single parents to share the burdens with.

"Single moms have a network — they help each other," he said. "But for me it's a whole different ballgame.

"But the kids are doing fine with just a father to care for them. As far as they're concerned, this is what home life is like."

FEISTY Joseph Szabo, lower left, gets a bigger kick out of hugging his twin sister Julia than listening to dad Rudy's bedtime stories. But twins Michael, upper left, and James are great listeners.

BORN LOSER

A woman prisoner who tried to hang herself in her jail cell has been charged with damaging the blanket she used in her suicide attempt!

Deirdre Clarke, 50, of West Kensington, England, was being held by police on a weapons charge when she looped a blanket around her neck and attempted to hang herself. Police discovered Miss Clarke and revived her — then slapped charges of damaging police property on the desperate woman.

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Peacenik politician wants to scrap our National Anthem

Let's stand up for the 'Star-Spangled Banner'

This is THE column I thought I'd never have to write and I'm so mad I could chew up a hand grenade and spit the pieces in somebody's face!

Some fool congressman from Indiana is trying to change our national anthem to *America the Beautiful* for crying out loud.

Rep. Andrew Jacobs says we should ditch the *Star-Spangled Banner* because it celebrates war and is hard to sing. He whines that he gets tongue-tied every time he hits "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Let's face it. I could sing the *Star-Spangled Banner* from start to finish by the time I was 4 years old, by God.

And if Rep. Jacobs can't sing it by now, he's either brain-damaged or moves his lips when he reads! Speaking of brain damage, I've got a steel plate in my head as a souvenir of my trip to the battlefields of Korea in '52 and I can still sing the Anthem without missing a note.

The late great hero Francis Scott Key must be twirling in his grave at this nincompoop idea.

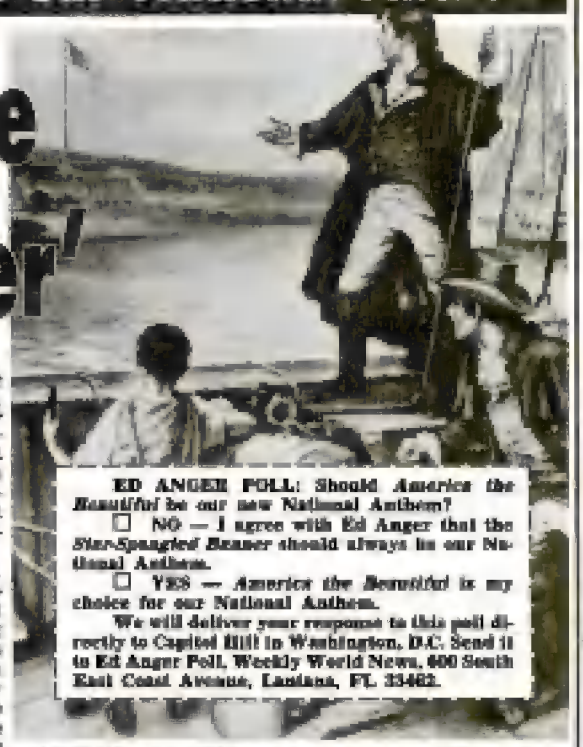
Of course the *Star-Spangled Banner* is a war song! Just how in the hell does this Jacobs character think America got to be here in the first place? With swords and bullets, that's how!

Sure, America's beautiful. And that's a nice song. But to sing that before a big football game or championship boxing match would be stupid. Lines like "And crown thy good with brotherhood" are kind of silly to sing before a game where everybody is trying to beat the other guy's brains out. "Bombs bursting in air" and "Rockets' red glare" are a little more like it.

Let's face it. *America the Beautiful* is a wimpy song and to make that our National Anthem would be an insult to the brave men who fought and died for our great country.

And if Rep. Jacobs can't remember the words to our great *Star-Spangled Banner* that's too damn bad! He doesn't have to sing it.

He can just stand up and put his hand over his heart every time it's played.



ED ANGER POLL: Should *America the Beautiful* be our new National Anthem?

☐ **NO — I agree with Ed Anger that the *Star-Spangled Banner* should always be our National Anthem.**

☐ **YES — *America the Beautiful* is my choice for our National Anthem.**

We will deliver your response to this poll directly to Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Send it to Ed Anger Poll, Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Avenue, Lantana, FL 33462.

AMERICAN superpatriot Francis Scott Key wrote the words to the *Star-Spangled Banner* during the War of 1812.

GREAT-GRANNY, 66, BECAME A HOOKER — TO PAY THE RENT!

'I'm really not like that — I'm really very shy'

BUSTED for promoting prostitution: Margaret Healy, 66, says she's not a hooker — she's a victim of circumstances.

By DICK DONOVAN

A glamorous 66-year-old great-granny got more than she was bargaining for when she tried to peddle her body to an undercover cop!

Buxom, flame-haired Margaret Healy — who cops claim ran a call-girl ring from her cozy New York City apartment — was busted as a common hooker after she offered the cop sex for $125 plus a $25 tip.

But she walked out of court a free woman when Queens Criminal Court Judge Allan Beldock gave her a one-year conditional discharge with a warning that she "stay out of trouble."

That means she'll have to walk the line — not the streets. If she's busted again the next year, she'll face the music on the original charge as well.

The attractive grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of five pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of "promoting prostitution." She later explained she was merely trying to subsidize her $432-a-month Social Security check.

"I don't know what I'm going to do now," she said.

Mrs. Healy earned her keep by working as a housecleaner until undergoing surgery last May. She blamed her recent troubles on a manic illness aggravated by her surgery.

"Instead of going into depression I went into manic elation and did very bizarre things," she explained. "I'm really not like that. I'm really very shy."

Though she's off the hook with the law as long as she stays out of trouble, the landlady of the apartment building she lives in wants to boot her out.

"She is charging that I used the apartment for immoral purposes," the hooker granny said.

Exercise breaks up blood clots

Regular exercise can prevent heart attacks and strokes by boosting the body's output of a substance called TPA, which dissolves blood clots. American re-

Thief gives stolen car back to owner

STICK shift foils thief.

He couldn't drive a stick shift!

A stupid crook forced a woman to give him the keys to her car and then gave them back to her — because he didn't know how to drive it.

"He had never driven a car with a stick shift," said Police Officer Larry Nardell. "And when he saw it didn't have an automatic transmission, he did not want it." The bizarre incident occurred in the parking lot of a Montclair, Calif., shopping center.

Belinda Jetton, a 24-year-old Canadian visiting Montclair, was getting into her Toyota MR2 when a husky man sneaked up behind her. "Gimme your car keys," he demanded.

She gave the punk the keys and he pushed her backward as he climbed into her car.

"She heard him cuss a few words and then he got out of her Toyota and slammed the door," said Officer Nardell.

He threw the car keys down on the pavement in disgust and muttered, "I don't know how to drive a car with a stick shift."

Police were looking for the would-be car thief.

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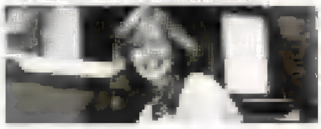

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BEAUTY CONTEST TURNS INTO UGLY RIOT

. . . when native girls show up in skimpy swimsuits!

By DAMON RAY

Beauty pageants are downright crazy in Papua, New Guinea. Contestants are allowed to prance around stage topless — but must keep their thighs covered so that men in the audience won't get overly excited!

That's exactly what happened at the recent Miss Papua New Guinea pageant, which turned into an ugly riot when several contestants sneaked on stage in swimsuits with their thighs showing.

"Men in New Guinea wouldn't turn their heads to see a bare-breasted woman but a lady's thighs are something altogether different," said sociologist Luke Solomon of Boroko, New Guinea.

"The thigh is considered to be a woman's most erotic part. A woman who shows her thighs — even on the beach — is thought to be a tramp."

The depth of feeling about a woman's thighs became glaringly clear at the Miss Papua New Guinea pageant in Port Moresby.

In a desperate bid to win the crown several women appeared on stage in swimsuits — exposing their thighs and sparking a riot. "The men went wild. They were literally out of their seats and fighting to get up on the stage," said Lisa Toler, one of the organizers of the contest.

"We had no idea the women were going to pull a stunt like that. Naturally they were disqualified and a young lady who appeared in appropriate attire was crowned."

Said sociologist Solomon: "Throughout the Western world, breasts are thought to be sex objects because they aren't generally associated with their real purpose — nurturing infants.

"Here in New Guinea the breast is seen for what it really is. As a consequence, thighs are thought to be much more erotic."

Class ring missing 50 years found in sewer!

A woman who lost her class ring 50 years ago finally has it back — after a maintenance man found it in sewer muck!

Rose Drea believed her son, George, flushed the ring down the toilet when he was 4 years old, and at the time thought she'd never see it again.

Now, thanks to the detective work of Gregg and Janet Pithan, Mrs. Drea has her ring back.

Mr. Pithan, the maintenance man for the city of Danbury, Iowa, noticed something in the sewer muck and when he went to investigate, found the class ring.

He took it home and he and his wife cleaned it up. They discovered it was a Danbury school ring with the initials RMS on the inside and a date that was either 1931 or 1937.

The couple checked out old yearbooks for people the ring might belong to and came up with Rosena Schrunk, who is now Rosena Drea and still living in Danbury.

Mrs. Pithan said that within three hours of her husband's discovery she had returned the ring to Mrs. Drea, who couldn't believe she had it back after all these years.

Bananas for boozers

Heavy drinkers will stay healthier if they eat lots of bananas, researchers say.

Doctors at the University of California found that boozing raises blood pressure. But potassium helps to bring blood pressure back down — and bananas are one of the best sources of potassium, Dr. Michael Criqui reported in the journal *Circulation*.

Butt face

It's easy to see why friends call this guy Mouth. Jim "Mouth" Purol puffed 151 cigarettes in a bid for a new world record for the number of butts going at once. Purol, who did his lighting up in Hollywood, Calif., said he was really trying

Lice treatment sets girl on fire!

Mom douses her with gasoline and she bursts into flames

By MARTHA ATKINS

A 5-year-old girl was set aflame when her mom tried to treat her head lice with gasoline!

Little Crystal Kilgore was burned on her head, hands, neck, back and arms and was hospitalized in Augusta, Ga.

"The mother said she'd heard there was a lot of head lice going around so she decided to use gasoline to treat her daughter for them," said Officer Robert Scarboro of the Pendleton, S.C., police department.

"She put gasoline on the little girl's head in the living room and was going to wash it out in the kitchen sink.

"As she was carrying her to the sink, she went by the gas stove, which had something cooking on top of it. The fumes from the gasoline ignited as they passed by, and the little girl was engulfed in flames."

The mother burned her hands trying to put out the fire. Her boyfriend managed to smother the flames with a blanket, according to police.

"I've never heard of people using gasoline to get rid of head lice," said Officer Scarboro.

Experts recommend using over-the-counter lice treatments to get rid of the pests, he said.

"Gasoline is not a recommended way to get rid of head lice," said a nurse with the Appalachia Health District. "It's an old wives' tale and it is extremely dangerous."

Police said there was no sign of neglect, so no charges were filed against the mother.

And Crystal was recently released from the hospital.

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By LEROY WILLIAMS JR.

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GIANT HOROSCOPE

By Countess Sophia Sahak

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Your take-charge spirit will have several opportunities for expression this week. Money matters get better and your financial abilities come to the fore.

However, expect a bumpy up and down ride in your personal life for a few days.

You'll overcome a minor disagreement with in-laws (or possibly a brother or sister), but beware of flaring tempers and disagreements with your spouse, which could ruin a happy occasion.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

The moon of love is shining brightly in your house at this time. If you have been considering a change of partners, now may be the perfect time to make your move.

A knowledgeable Libra or a Cancer could be extremely helpful, and you would do well to seek their counsel.

Your datebook will be crammed with weekend invites, and you'll finally be able to put those new additions to your wardrobe to good use.

This is a good time for taking chances.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

A difficult week lies ahead for some when an argumentative person keeps your life in constant turmoil.

You'll feel a sense of gratitude when a loyal friend comes through for you, and saddened when one you had considered as close proves to be an enemy.

This is a time to strive for teamwork with your spouse as well as a workable budget.

The mail will bring a welcome letter.

The weak'n and brings good times.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

At the beginning of the week, you find yourself in the winner's circle, receiving good news which sends your spirits soaring.

What seems a minor crisis could create major money problems, so the weekend will get off to an iffy start. Tensions will build and play havoc with domesticity. But those clouds should blow away in a few days.

An old friend will present a money-making proposition.

Listen carefully to this person, it could pay off!

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

Happiness is in the air, along with romance and plans for a wonderful party.

Pull out all the stops, and use your flair for the dramatic to make the occasion the event of the local scene. You won't be sorry you did.

A gamble pays off midweek, and chums help you celebrate your well-deserved victory.

Be warned against someone who may be offering you friendship in order to use your position to further their own cause.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Uncertainty at home distresses you early on. Later, you'll be relieved when the rumors of change are proven false.

Be aware of your feelings of irritability which could make a bad situation with your mate worse, unless you make a real effort to preserve the peace.

An invitation for an enjoyable social event arrives.

More good news late in the week could lead to travel, possibly during your summer vacation.

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Be prepared for unique opportunities to come knocking on your door this week.

Your financial picture is good, but be sure you consider the long term before making decisions.

Beware of one who may try to take advantage of you.

Friday is lucky, and an unexpected windfall seems heaven-sent.

The weekend holds possibilities for romance as well as socializing. Consider giving a party, as conditions favor entertaining.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

A magazine article sheds new light on a subject that has been bothering you, and you find the courage to put an end to a once-loving relationship.

Expect some confusion midweek, but your money situation eases up.

You may find yourself in the market for a new kitchen appliance or some tools.

You and your mate decide to put your social life on hold over the weekend, and catch up on necessary home chores and repairs.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Take advantage of this time period if you feel inclined to invest, play the lottery or bingo, or become involved in a money-making scheme of some kind.

Your gambling instincts are right on target.

Be assertive when someone fouls up, tries to pass the buck and includes you in the resulting calamity.

The weekend is full of surprises. Avoid partying on Saturday. However, on Sunday your good fortune continues.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Be prepared for the opportunity to turn your creative gifts into a source of additional income. Now is the time to strike.

Thursday may turn out to be your best day.

Your social horizons widen when a newcomer on the scene includes you in his or her plans.

Weekend time is spent mostly with your spouse; however, cozy domesticity and romantic interludes could be shattered by disruptive outside influences.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You're feeling energetic and seem to have everything under control. Your enthusiasm is boundless.

You may have to sever ties with a downhearted friend who would like to rain on your parade.

Be kind, be firm, but don't let that negative thinking hold you back. Great things are in the stars for you this week!

A leisurely weekend drive not only provides a change of scene, but introduces you to an exciting Gemi-

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

The configuration of several key planets in your portion of the zodiac could intensify your loved one's romantic feelings. This is time to return those loving feelings.

Current prospects could not be better. The only drawback is your feeling that someone is trying to do you dirty. They aren't.

Watch for good news and weekend invitations. A phone call will introduce you to new friends.

Keep on saving your hard-earned

If your birthday is this week . . .

It'll be a happy year for most folks born this week. Be prepared to greet new friends and new opportunities as the months pass.

One of those opportunities may be of the once-in-a-lifetime variety — so don't miss it.

This year will see a few minor health setbacks and occasional irritation caused by nosy relatives. These problems will dissolve before long.

Everything will be rosy for those in love — and for those who'd like to be in love.

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Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

Readers all over the country are using Countess Sahak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You will find the Countess' Lucky Numbers right here each week to help you become a winner, too! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. For extra luck, throw in your birthdate.

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Taurus	Apr. 20 May 20	15, 17, 28, 37, 46, 48	Scorpio	Oct. 23 Nov. 21	14, 21, 29, 36, 42, 49
Gemini	May 21 June 20	6, 15, 20, 27, 39, 42	Sagittarius	Nov. 22 Dec. 21	11, 17, 33, 38, 39, 40
Cancer	June 21 July 22	3, 9, 14, 21, 37, 39	Capricorn	Dec. 22 Jan. 19	9, 13, 24, 33, 43, 47
Leo	July 23 Aug. 22	7, 18, 23, 30, 36, 46	Aquarius	Jan. 20 Feb. 18	12, 18, 21, 36, 41, 44
Virgo	Aug. 23 Sept. 22	5, 13, 17, 28, 32, 40	Pisces	Feb. 19 Mar. 20	28, 29, 33, 37, 47, 48

The miracle of a mother's love has

GREG — THE WO

LOVING mom Gertrude Bernard spends a lot of time with her son Gregory. Here Gregory sits on his mom's lap as they watch television together. Greg weighs only 18 pounds and has to crawl to get where he wants to go.

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Doctors predicted Gregory Bernard the age of 2 — but the miracle of a mot kept him alive for 19 incredible year

The tragic teen is a victim of a rare form of disease that turns children into wrinkled oldst still in elementary school. But the devotion of trude, has given him the will to live and today he is the oldest progeria victim alive.

By SUSA

"I do all I can for him," says Gertrude, 45, a housewife who is a mother of two other children. "People are scared to keep Greg, so I stay pretty much shut in.

"It was very hard at first. He was my firstborn. You dream of the things babies will do and he was never able to do those things. I kept asking God, 'Why me?' and then I realized maybe I wasn't meant to know why. After that I accepted it."

Gregory suffered brain damage at birth and over the years a series of small strokes has left him mentally retarded. The boy can say "mama" and can recognize family and friends, but his delicate health and fragile, breakable bones make him difficult to care for.

Because of his one-in-eight million condition, the teen has never grown. He weighs just 18 pounds, cannot walk or feed himself and must crawl on the floor to get around. He has the body and organs of a 110-year-old man.

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'Island of Love' scam bilks old men

By JACK ALEXANDER

Thousands of lonely old men paid $4.5 million to retire on an island paradise where beautiful love angels roamed naked — but it didn't exist.

"They were conned into a cold-blooded scheme that made fools out of them," said U.S. Attorney Kate Chambers.

Founder of the sex-fantasy scam was Donald Lowry, the pudgy leader of the now-defunct Church of Love in Rock Island, Ill., who is in prison.

For 13 years, Lowry, 60, got lists of lonely men from singles clubs and lonely hearts clubs.

"He would get them to invest in land on his love island where they could live a dream life when they retired," said Police Lt. Sam Tipton.

The sex-starved suckers mailed their money to a post office box in Hillsdale, Mich. In return, Lowry sent them photos and video cassettes of curvaceous cuties romping around an island in their birthday suits.

They all got monthly newsletters about the island with phony pictures.

"Lowry paid the girls for their time but they weren't a part of his paradise island scam," said Lt. Tipton.

Lowry swindled the men out of $4.5 million from 1982-85, said authorities. But the con game was going on about nine years before cops learned about it. Police and federal agents investigated after a tip from a man who had invested nearly $100,000 in a love island lot.

"The man wanted more details about the land and the island, and when he didn't get it, he notified authorities," said Lt. Tipton.

Lowry and Pamela St. Charles, 26, were convicted of conspiracy, mail fraud and money laundering in 1988.

Both skipped town while free on bond before their sentencing. They were recently arrested in Florida and returned to Illinois for sentencing.

Lowry was sentenced to 27 years in prison, and Miss St. Charles got a six-year sentence.

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says Gertrude, whose first husband left her because he couldn't deal with Gregory's disease. "Then they told me he wouldn't live past 3.

"Well, all the things the doctors told me he'd never do I've tried to make a lie out of them. Keeping him happy is what is keeping him alive, and it doesn't take much to make him happy. He doesn't seem to need all those things that other kids want. He likes the simple things in life, like football on TV. And it's such a joy for me to make him happy."

NEWS readers can write to Greg and his mom at c/o General Delivery, Warner Robins, Ga. 31093.

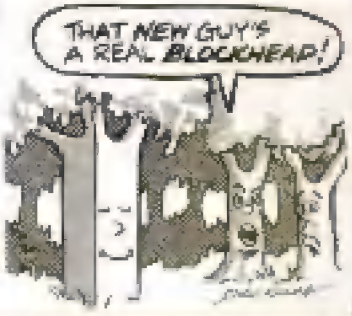
He has the body and organs of a 110-year-old man!

Wood you believe it?

Square trees!

Scientist Robert Falls is concerned about the waste caused by cutting square timber from round trees — so he's working to invent a square tree!

The Californian says he has developed a secret formula that will make teak saplings grow up square.



Greedy granny torches house to keep from sharing bingo jackpot

A vengeful granny burned her house down so she wouldn't have to share a bingo jackpot with a former friend.

A court in Leeds, England, told Marina Murphy, 61, she would have to split the $72,000 bingo prize with former pal Molly Connolly. Widow Marina claimed she was penniless after gambling most of her winnings away, but she still owned her house.

"The only thing I had left was my home. The court would have taken it from me and I couldn't have lived with that," said Marina.

"I said my prayers and just lit it. I walked out and couldn't look back."

No charges have been filed against her.

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Family life is tops, says poll

Family life is the greatest source of pleasure for Americans, a new study shows.

Research by Mass Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Springfield, Mass., showed that 81 percent of people polled listed family as one of their top two sources of pleasure, with friends as the next-most mentioned source.

"Even with the rate of divorce and even with the rate of remarriage, the expectation of being able to love someone and being able to be cared for by someone is universal," said Dr. Albert Solnit of Yale, an adviser for the study.

Long sentence

Poor Rolando Mangubat — he got into trouble as public highways director in the Philippines and was sentenced to 2,578 years in jail!

The Manila official was also ordered to pay fines totaling more than $2 million after his conviction for corruption.

Is my marriage on the rocks if my hubby's on the couch?

Dear Dotti: I've been married for 16 years, and I'm beginning to think my marriage is on the rocks. My husband hasn't kissed me since our wedding day, and he has always slept on the couch. What could be wrong? Should he see a doctor? Should I? — Worried in Kansas

Dear Worried: You and your husband definitely need to see a doctor — preferably a shrink!

I'm under the spell of ladies' undies

Dear Dotti: You won't believe this but I steal women's panties off clotheslines and put them on when I'm at home alone. My situation is so bad that I've even begun to wonder what kind of panties you wear. My guess is lacy, high-cut briefs. Am I right? — Wondering in Illinois

Dear Wondering: How dare you inquire about my undergarments! Get your mind out of the gutter and don't you ever write to me again!

Am I an old fool to have a young fella?

Dear Dotti: You're just the person to help me with my problem. I'm an 82-year-old woman who's planning to marry a 22-year-old man in February. We met at a bowling alley and it really was love at first sight. Unfortunately, my family and friends say I'm crazy to marry such a young man. They say he's after my money. I do have a large nest egg, but I can assure you that this young man would love me if I didn't have a cent to my name. What's your opinion of May-December marriages, Dotti? Please tell me what I want to hear. — Forever Young in Texas

Dear Forever: Don't be senile! There's no way on earth that a 22-year-old boy and an 82-year-old woman can find happiness together, especially in marriage. You may not want to hear it, but your family and friends are right. That young buck is after your cash. It's as simple as that.

I want a job like yours, Dotti

Dear Dotti: Maybe you can help me. I'm a journalism major and an avid fan of your column. I want to be an advice columnist like you, but I don't know how to start. Do you have any advice for someone who wants to give advice? — Aspiring in Bowling Green

Dear Aspiring: If you can't figure out how to get a job, how the hell are you going to give people advice? You snot-faced journalism students are all alike. You want big bucks, fame and power but don't have sense enough to go out and get it!

My love for the Beatles bugs folks

Dear Dotti: The Beatles are the greatest. All I can think about is the Beatles even though I wasn't even born when they were popular. All my thoughts revolve around the fabulous foursome, and it's beginning to affect my friendships.

Nobody wants to be around me because they don't share my love of the Beatles and get sick of hearing me talk about them. Do you have any advice? What can I do? — Beatle-crazy in N.C.

Dear Beatle: If all you can talk about is the Beatles, then keep your big mouth shut. As it stands, I don't blame your friends for dumping you. You sound crazy as a loon.

Hubby fired me for laughing at a joke

Dear Dotti: I used to work for my husband but he fired me because a customer told me a dirty joke and I laughed. I don't think it's fair. What was I supposed to do — run the customer off? What do you think, Dotti? Was my husband right to fire me like that? — Axed in Tennessee

Dear Axed: Whoever said bosses had to be right?

Dotti will answer your letters — and tell it like it is. Just write to her, c/o Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33463.

Confidential

Dear Cramped in Brooklyn: In a Lincoln, yes. In a Yugo, no.

Dear Wondering in Brigham City: Ninety-nine percent of men who speak with lisps are gay.

Dear Loser in Oak Harbor: It may fill you up but it's not what I call dinner.

Dear Pokey in Lansing: I don't care what your boyfriend says. There are lots of 13-year-old virgins out there.

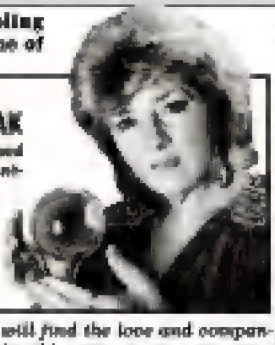
Dear Caught in St. Paul: Tell your mother the truth about her halitosis. She's bound to suspect the truth anyway.

Dear Stinker in Starkville: Ever heard of soap?

Dear Liberal in Fayette: You sound like the world's greatest, dorkiest loser. No wonder everybody hates your guts.

Ask the Countess

My crazy dreams are driving me nuts



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Dear Countess: I've been having a number of troubling dreams and hope you can tell me what they mean. In one of them I can't find my shoes. In another one I lose my purse. In yet another I dream about a snake with a head that looks just like my ex-husband's. And one time I dreamed that I dug up a pair of sweet potatoes that were as big as my head and had sprouts on them.

These dreams are really troubling me, Countess. Please help if you can. — Dreaming in Oregon

Dear Dreaming: The meaning of your dreams is really quite simple. The guilt over is keeping you from getting on with your life and finding another mate. The loss of your purse and shoes indicates that you aren't quite ready to move on. But the sweet potatoes still find the love and companionship you crave once you make up your mind to put the past behind you.

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Dear Countess: Who was I as much? I'm a senior citizen and I live by myself. Do you think I'll ever find any joy in life? I'm afraid to leave the house and don't know what I'm going to do. — Widow in New York

Dear Widow: You are destined to find great joy in the years that are left to you. This Sunday you will awaken with a new sense of courage and purpose. I want you to dress up in your finest clothes, march right out of your house and go to church — any church. Tell the people there just how you've been feeling. A very fine gentleman will hear your plea for help.

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Twinky? I've just got to know. — Heartsick Lady in Utah

Dear Heartsick: Your husband killed Twinky in a drunken rage. If you can find it in your heart to forgive him, please do. He's feeling very guilty about shooting your beloved cat. You've probably noticed that he's cut down on his drinking, too.

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PERSONAL TO . . .

Terry in Pensacola: **A mysterious benefactor has mailed you a check for $5,000. Your money woes will vanish when you receive it on January 17.**

Winky in Montgomery: **You aren't going blind. Simple stress is interfering with your**

Farmer tortures man to death for killing a puppy

By JOE BERGER

Fat cat farm boss Jacobus Vorster beat and tortured a hapless farmhand to death for accidentally killing a puppy. Then the ruthless creep strolled into court, admitted his horrifying crime — and walked away scot-free!

The vicious Vorster got off with a measly $1,000 fine and a five-month suspended sentence after confessing he tied pathetic Eric Samuel to a tree and battered him to death — while Vorster's family and friends enjoyed a barbecue just yards away.

"We treat people differently here," the hard-hearted farmer boasted from his home outside Johannesburg, South Africa.

The hair-raising tale of justice gone haywire began when

. . . and gets away with it!

laborer Eric, 27, ran over one of Vorster's prize puppies with a tractor.

"Jacobus Vorster is known here as a very violent man, and Eric Samuel was so afraid of him that he ran away from the farm and went into hiding," Detective Norman Drysdale said later. "He knew if Vorster found him, he'd kill him."

And Eric's end came even more nightmarishly than he'd imagined a month later when Vorster, 23, and a friend spotted him trudging down a dusty country road.

The two men grabbed the terrified father of five, beat him senseless, tossed him into the back of their pickup truck and drove him to Vorster's sprawling farm.

There, the vengeance-crazy Vorster and his pal Petrus Leonard strung Eric up to a tree and continued to smash their fists into his face and body — as their wives prepared a lavish barbecue nearby.

"Vorster and Leonard would beat on the poor man for a while, then step away to have a drink or see how their steaks were doing," Det. Drysdale said.

"They kept it up all evening, pounding on Eric, then stopping for a drink or a bite to eat, then coming back and beating on him some more.

"They whipped him with ropes and bashed him with boards or anything they could get their hands on."

Eventually, Vorster and Leonard staggered off to bed, exhausted by hours of senseless savagery. Then, at the crack of dawn, they rushed outside to begin the beatings again.

Finally, when their two-day orgy of terror and violence was over, the killers hauled Eric's bloody body downtown and dumped it in front of the police station.

The hotheaded Vorster, a member of one of South Africa's most powerful farming dynasties, later admitted his chilling crime. But Judge Johannes Strydom, a Nazi sympathizer, set him and his buddy Leonard free.

"It seems we live in a place where a man's life is less important than a dog," said Eric's grieving friend Mishak Raphalani.

KILLER Jacobus Vorster and his wife Hattie after the big-shot farmer paid a measly $1,000 fine for his horrible crime.

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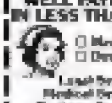

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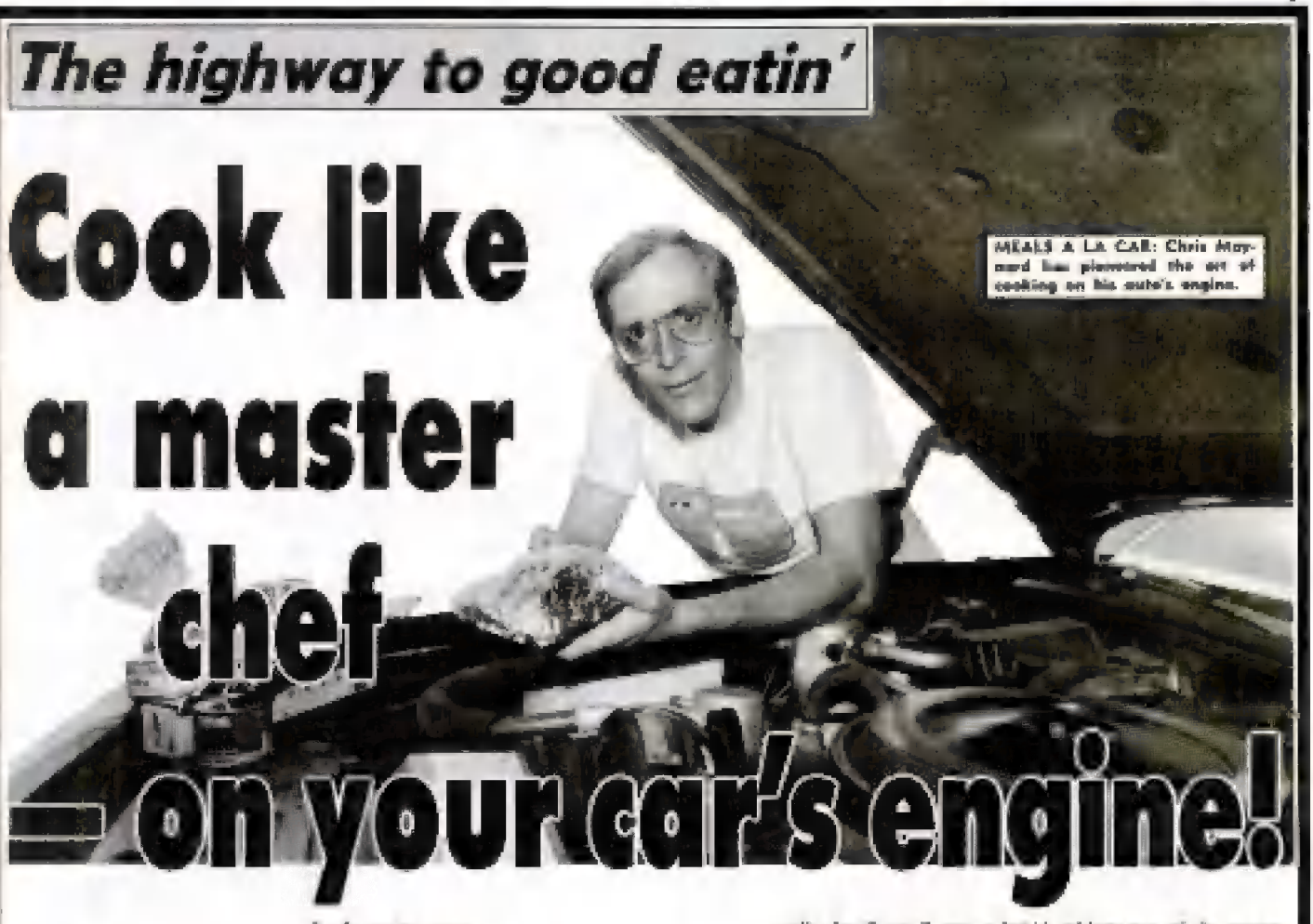

MEALS A LA CAR: Chris Maynard has pioneered the art of cooking on his auto's engine.

By DAMON RAY

You can cook everything from fish and shrimp to hot dogs and pepper steak on the engine of your car!

Incredibly, most dishes can be cooked to perfection in two hours or less. And Chris Maynard and Bill Scheller, authors of *Manifold Destiny* (Villard Books, New York, $7.95), say the results are superb.

Revved-up recipes are as easy as popping the hood

Maynard and Scheller first started cooking on their car engines on a whim in 1985.

Since that time they've perfected the technique.

And in *Manifold Destiny*, they reveal dozens of recipes and full instructions for cooking just about anything under the hood of your car.

All you have to do is wrap food in aluminum foil, place it on an engine hot spot and drive.

A few miles down the road, just remove and enjoy. Here are a few sample menus from the book. Recipes can be altered to suit your tastes.

● **Cutlass Cod Supreme:** You'll need butter, lemon juice and cod fillets. Sprinkle fillets with lemon juice, dot with butter and wrap individually in foil greased with more butter. Cooking time 45 minutes to one hour, about 40 to 70 highway miles.

● **Cajun Shrimp Delight:** This mouth-watering dish calls for 8 small green hot peppers, 1 medium onion, 2 cloves garlic, 1 pound shrimp. Seed peppers and mince finely along with onion and garlic.

Spread shrimp on heavily buttered foil and cover with onion, garlic and peppers. Cook 40 minutes — about 35 highway miles — until shrimp are pink.

● **JB's Mail Pups:** Take two 5-ounce cans Vienna sausage, 3 tablespoons bourbon, 1 teaspoon sugar. Line sausages in a double row on foil and sprinkle with bourbon and sugar. Seal neatly and add another layer of foil, pressing it tightly around sausages so they'll brown. Cooking time 30 minutes, or 25-30 miles.

● **Pepper steak:** You'll need 4 tablespoons whole peppercorns and a small strip steak. Crush peppercorns, push them into steak so they'll stick. Wrap in foil. Cook about 30 minutes per side or about 55 miles.

● **Hot dogs:** Dog Surprise. Get 10 hot dogs, American cheese sliced into hot dog-length fingers and 10 slices bacon.

Slit wieners, stuff with cheese fingers, wrap diagonally with bacon, seal individually in foil.

Cook about 45 minutes — 40 miles — or until cheese is melted and bacon is crisp.

Maynard and Scheller advise you to wrap all dishes in aluminum foil three times to avoid contamination by dirt or exhaust fumes.

CONVENT MYSTERY!

Green ice pelts nuns

Nuns in a Roman convent thought they'd been struck by meteorites when hunks of green ice came smashing through their windows. The Sisters of the San Felice da Cantalice convent promptly called the cops and put the ice in the freezer.

Experts from the Italian National Center for Research say the stuff may have fallen from an airplane, but have no idea

REVAMPED U.S. shuttle isn't

Soviet spacecraft safer, says expert

A British expert says Soviet spaceships are much safer than those built in the U.S.A.!

"If I had a choice of flying in a Soviet spaceship or the American shuttle, I know which one I would choose," said Andrew Wilson, the noted

would have to be the Soviet craft. That's for sure."

Wilson says America's space shuttle is risky because it uses a solid-fuel booster.

Soviet rockets use liquid fuel, which is far safer, the expert said.

— JILL LePOINTE

Don't blame job stress for poor love life

By MARTHA ATKINS

Don't blame your job if you've got a lousy sex life because overwork doesn't have anything to do with it, says a top doc.

Dr. Jennifer Knopf, a therapist for 11 years, began her study on the sex lives of married professionals after years of hearing couples blame their sexual problems on their jobs.

"I had a lot of couples come in, and they'd say, 'It's the job,'" said Dr. Knopf, who was assisted in the study by University of Chicago statistics professor George Easton. "So I decided to test that.

"And I wasn't at all surprised by the results. I've always thought it was a problem with the relationship rather than the job that would cause sexual problems.

"It's sort of dispelling the myth that the husband comes home at 11 at night and nothing happens. In certain circumstances, more work was associated with better sex."

She says bedroom problems tend to occur when the marriage itself is in trouble.

"Most couples who have a good marriage also have a good sex life," said Dr. Knopf, co-director of Northwestern University's Sex Therapy and Education Program.

"It's how the couple handles the stress from work that's important.

"If the partner is very supportive of the spouse who's under stress, rather than criticizing or nagging, then the problems can be overcome."

The following are a few of the findings from Dr. Knopf's study of 80 couples:

- The condition known as Inhibited Sexual Desire (lack of sexual desire), which has replaced impotence as the primary reason people see sex therapists, occurs equally between men and women.
- Forty-two percent of the women complained of a lack of foreplay, compared with 26 percent of men, and 34 percent complained of too little after-sex tenderness, compared with 18 percent of men.
- Half the women reported difficulty getting aroused, and 40 percent said they had difficulty achieving an orgasm. Among men, 48 percent reported difficulty getting an erection, and the same number complained of ejaculating too quickly. Just 4 percent of women said they reached orgasm too quickly.

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Retiree wins $4.6 million at new casino

A new Las Vegas casino had barely opened its doors when a 70-year-old man won a $4.6 million jackpot, breaking the bank!

Elmer Sherwin spent $80 of his own money and borrowed $20 from his wife while playing a slot machine at The Mirage, the city's newest casino.

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GIANT UFOs ARE STEALING ISLANDS!

Space aliens sucking up South Sea paradise with starship vacuum cleaners, says scientist

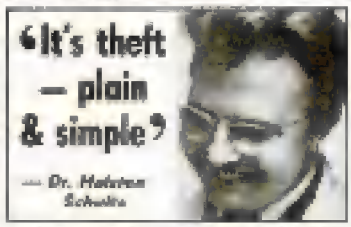
By DAMON RAY

Space aliens are stealing tiny South Pacific islands at the rate of 15 to 20 a year.

That's the claim of geologist Halston Schultz, who says extraterrestrials suck the islands into the holds of massive starships and "take them to God knows where."

"It's theft plain and simple," Dr. Schultz told newsmen in West Berlin. "None of the stolen islands were inhabited. But it's only a matter of time before these aliens take an island with people on it."

The expert's report touched off a storm of controversy among scientists, some of whom said there is little or no basis for his claims.



Dr. Schultz countered the skepticism with a mountain of evidence including a confidential CIA report that says 45 to 60 South Seas islands — some no bigger than pinheads on a map — have mysteriously vanished in the past three years.

The documents go on to say "that there is almost certainly an alien connection."

"It makes sense," said Dr. Schultz.

"If aliens came from another planet to study Earth, they would definitely want samples of our soils.

"By taking entire islands they would also get thousands of small animals, insects and microscopic lifeforms to study.

"The islands that have vanished so far have been small and in many cases unnamed.

"Sailors first noticed that they were vanishing in 1987. At the same time airline and air force pilots from several countries began to report seeing numerous large UFOs near Fiji and American Samoa, the area where the islands disappeared.

"The implication is that these spaceships have the ability to pull entire islands into their holds with some kind of antigravity device or tractor beam," said Dr. Schultz.

"There is no other explanation."

U.S. officials would neither confirm nor deny that the secret intelligence documents obtained by Dr. Schultz are genuine.

Privately, one source conceded that the CIA is investigating the disappearances of small islands southwest of American Samoa.

"Something's going on out there."

Perfume-sprayed gal raises $75G stink!

Bloomingdale's shelled out $75,000 to an allergy victim who nearly died — after she was sprayed with perfume in one of their stores!

Deborah Marlorano had just walked into Bloomingdale's in New York City to look for a blouse when she was ambushed from behind.

"I heard somebody behind me," said Deborah, 38. "I turned around and the next thing I know I was sprayed.

"It happened so fast. I just put my hand up to say no, but it was too late. My wrist, hair, blouse and suit just got squirted by perfume."

She was on her lunch break and passing by the perfume section when she was attacked.

"My nose started to burn and my eyes started to tear. When I got back to the office, I reeked of perfume," Deborah continued.

Three days later, she was admitted to New York Hospital.

She has a "long-standing history of asthma and allergy to perfume," said her lawyer, Michael Gluck.

He said the unwanted spritz triggered her first asthma attack in eight years. It put her in the hospital for 11 days and her medical bills topped $12,000.

"Her doctor said she was admitted to the hospital in respiratory distress and close to death," said Gluck.

Deborah settled her suit against Bloomingdale's just as the case was set to go to trial. And the department store still insists that no one is sprayed unless they request it.

But Gluck says that's not quite true.

"I walked through Bloomingdale's recently and almost got sprayed myself," he said.

Mom gives herself C-section — with kitchen knife!

By KEVIN JONES

A desperate mother delivered her own baby after performing a cesarean section on herself with a kitchen knife!

Bleeding and barely conscious, the woman and her newborn daughter were rushed by a medical unit from a remote village in south China 90 miles to a hospital near Kunming.

According to a report from Beijing, a surgical team headed by Dr. Lin Yuan had been alerted by radio about the emergency and was ready and waiting at the hospital. "We are pleased to report that the mother and baby are in good condition after 50 minutes of surgery," said a press medical statement. "The woman was bleeding and in shock when she arrived, but in amazing condition overall.

"We gave her transfusions," said the report. "Then it was just a matter of the doctors suturing the incision that measured roughly six inches."

The report declined to reveal the woman's name, but said she was in her 20s and had another daughter born by cesarean section in a hospital.

"She watched the doctors deliver her first child and knew from that experience that her unborn baby was breeched," said the report.

The miraculous operation was reported weeks later.

Realizing she could lose her baby after 21 hours of labor, the mother told neighbors to summon the nearest medics — 90 miles away in Kunming. But the valiant woman couldn't wait and took matters into her own hands.

Though it is rare, Dr. Euan Robertson of the obstetrics department of the University of Miami Medical Center said it is possible for a woman to slice open her belly and deliver her own baby.

"The big dangers in C-sections are hemorrhaging and shock.

"The patient has to be sutured quickly or she could go into shock and bleed to death," he said.

That would have been the courageous mom's fate if the medical team hadn't arrived within minutes after childbirth and stopped the bleeding with makeshift sutures until they reached Kunming.

Asked how a woman could live through the excruciating pain of slicing her stomach open, Dr. Robertson said a natural pain reliever in women may be triggered by childbirth.

"The human brain produces endorphins, which are a morphine-like substance that causes a numbing effect," said Dr. Robertson.

Recent studies conducted by Barry Komisaruk and Beverly Whipple of Rutgers University showed that pressure applied to the interior of the birth canal triggered the release of a natural pain reliever.

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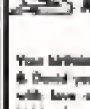

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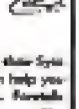

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SEX-SLAVE SICKO GOES TO PRISON

PRETTY VICTIM Allison Wolfson escaped after being buried alive and testified against her cruel captors.

Tycoon forced beauty — and his own wife — to bed thousands of men

By JACK ALEXANDER

A millionaire superstud has been sentenced to prison for forcing a beautiful blonde into sex slavery — and burying her alive when she tried to escape.

Rich land baron Salim Mohammed, who once bragged he'd slept with 3,000 women, was sentenced to eight years behind bars for the torment and agony suffered by enslaved Allison Wolfson, 21.

Tearful Allison earlier told a jury in London, England, how Mohammed forced her to sleep with up to 15 men a day for a year.

When she tried to leave, he stripped her naked and buried her alive in a shallow grave. With the aid of passersby, Allison escaped and testified against her tormentors — Mohammed, his wife Sehra and henchman Terry Lee.

Although Mohammed was found guilty of kidnapping and imprisoning Allison against her will, the judge said his wife Sehra was as much a prisoner as Allison.

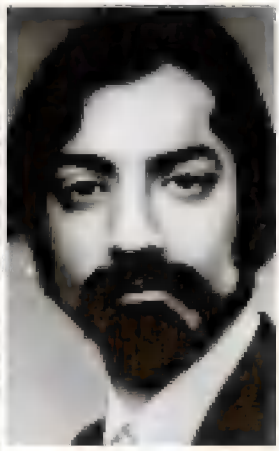
Sehra, who was Caroline Banks before Mohammed gave her the Muslim name, met him when she was 15. She became pregnant and they married against her family's wishes.

It wasn't long before teenager Sehra was brainwashed into a life of degrading sex acts, sadistic beatings and prostitution, said her mother, Doris Banks.

Mohammed also forced his young wife to work as a common laborer, sometimes all night long. He doused her with ice cold water one night when she fell asleep on the job.

He whipped her with copper tubing and kicked her when she fell to the ground from the beating.

And when Allison Wolfson couldn't accommodate all of



EVIL Salim Mohammed forced wife Sehra into prostitution and beat her with copper tubing and kicked her when she fell.

was forced to share her workload on a four-poster bed.

"They endured every torture imaginable on that four-poster," said Sehra's mother.

A judge took pity on Sehra and placed her on two years of probation. "You're almost as much sinned against as sinning," he said.

Sehra has since undergone psychological treatment and is back home with her happy mum.

She plans to divorce Mohammed and start a new life.

'They endured every torture imaginable'

Fireman saves kittens with mouth-to-mouth!

Two kittens overcome by smoke survived a blaze after a fire fighter gave them the kiss of life!

"We did it once before on a puppy, but it was too late," said A.J. Green, a rescue specialist with the Durham, N.C., Fire Department. "I do love animals."

No people were injured in the house fire, but fire fighters found the 2-week-old kittens in the house and took them outside, said Battalion Chief D.R. Maynard.

'F' student sues teacher

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IT'S no surprise to lovebirds Pauline and Alfred Pearson that doctors found they were perfectly matched. They knew it.

One-in-a-million couple could have been twins

By CINDY O'NEIL

Pauline and Alfred Pearson are a million-to-one couple who are so much alike biologically that they could be identical twins.

That was what stunned doctors discovered when Pauline volunteered to give one of her kidneys to her dying husband.

When samples of their blood and tissues were tested before the lifesaving operation in Bristol, England, doctors found that the two were perfectly matched.

"This is an extremely rare situation," said one member of the surgical team.

"They are as perfectly matched biologically as identical twins."

Pauline was elated.

"I didn't tell him I had volunteered until we arrived at the hospital because I didn't want him to worry," said the devoted wife. "But when I heard how closely our tissue matched I thought it was a miracle. I'm sure it was a sign from God.

"Nothing could stop me from giving him my kidney.

"He didn't want me to do it and the doctors tried to talk me out of it.

"But the risks involved just seemed small if I could save the man I love."

Now that the operation has been completed the Pearsons must wait another 12 months before they will know if the transplant is a success.

"For 25 years we've always been a close couple," said Alfred lovingly.

"We've raised four beautiful children together but the transplant has brought us even closer. I'll never be able to thank Pauline enough.

"She's just wonderful."

"This was our first live-donor surgery," said a hospital spokesman.

"But most of all this is a great love story of a devoted couple."

Kidney swap hubby & wife are perfect match, say amazed docs

Mean thief mugs 4-year-old boy

A grown man knocked down and robbed a 4-year-old boy who was waiting for his mother in a coin laundry, say cops.

Dennis Dwitch scraped a knee but was otherwise uninjured in the attack. Police in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said the boy was holding his mother's purse while she loaded clothes in a washer.

The mean thief got about $15, cops said.

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'Nothing was going to make us miss our show,' says mom

Family watches TV while home burns down

GLUED to the tube! Sally, Pat and Robert Booth, inset left to right, refused to budge from the TV set when their house filled with smoke, until firemen finally forced them out.

By TIM STINSON

Firemen were dumbfounded when they rushed into a blazing house and found a family of three curled up on a sofa beside a flaming wall — calmly watching TV!

"I couldn't believe what I was seeing," Fire Capt. Michael Steyn told newsmen in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

"Flames were shooting up a wall less than five feet from these people and there was feet of thick, black smoke had gathered at the ceilings.

"I screamed at the family to get the hell out of there and they looked at me like I was crazy. We finally had to force them out. And I've got to tell you, they didn't like it."

Firemen traced the origin of the fire to an electrical short in an upstairs bedroom of the family's five bedroom home in Port Elizabeth. Robert and Sally Booth, both 43, and their 10-year-old daughter Pat were fully aware that their house was burning.

Mrs. Booth actually called the fire department before she went back to the sofa to watch *Murder, She Wrote*, starring Angela Lansbury, with her husband and daughter on their big screen TV.

"When we got there the fire had burned through the second floor and roof and you could actually see flames in the living room where the family was watching TV," said Capt. Steyn.

"Mrs. Booth was coughing and her husband and daughter were rubbing their eyes from the smoke. But the television was going full blast."

After forcing the Booth family out of the house fire fighters wearing oxygen masks extinguished the blaze. The $120,000 house was a total loss as it burned to the ground, Capt. Steyn said. Mrs. Booth told reporters: "We like TV. And we never miss Angela Lansbury — and nothing was going to make us miss our show."

The bearded edge

'Whiskers make us look better,' say men

Men don't grow beards because they don't like to shave — it's because they think their whiskers make them look better!

A recent survey reveals that 90 percent of executives with beards say they grew them to improve their appearance. And 72 percent say they have a competitive edge over their clean-shaven colleagues because their beards give them a distinctive image.

The bearded execs still have to spend time in the morning staring at the bathroom mirror — 83 percent say they spend up to 30 minutes a week shaving around their beard and grooming it.

The survey was conducted by Wilkinson Sword of Atlanta.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Roman candle death

A freak accident took the life of teenager Michael Olds — who was shot in the heart by a roman candle.

Olds, 13, had stuffed the fireworks candle into a bicycle pump. It went off prematurely, driving the pump casing into his chest.

The youth died at a hospital in Van-

New Doctor's Discovery

Weight Loss Pill Approved for U.S. Gov't. Patent

'Lazy Way' to Lose Weight Already Sweeping U.S.

BEVERLY HILLS, CA (Special) — An amazing new weight loss pill called "fat-magnet" has recently been developed and perfected by two prominent doctors at a world famous hospital in Los Angeles that reportedly "guarantees" you steady inches and calorie reduction by simply taking their tested and proven new pill.

The U.S. government has just approved the doctors claims for a hard-to-get patent that confirms "there has never been anything like their fat-binding pill process before." It is a totally new major scientific breakthrough and is revolutionizing the weight loss industry.

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Within 2 days you should notice a change in the color of your stool, caused by the fat particles being eliminated.

"Automatically" Lose Fat

According to one of the inventors, Dr. William Shell, heart specialist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA medical school, "the new fat binding process is a "lazy way" to lose weight because the pills alone "automatically" reduce calories by eliminating dietary fat. It is 100% safe and not a drug."

The fat-magnet pills are already sweeping the country with glowing reports of weight loss from formerly overweight people in all walks of life who are now slimmer, trimmer and more attractive again.

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Organizers tell you how to join worldwide protest

Housewives' group calls strike for Jan. 12!

FEELING drained by having to deal with all that household drudgery? You may want to join this month's strike.

By BEATRICE DEXTER

An international union of housewives is calling for a homemakers' strike — and they're urging women everywhere to hang up their dust rags until they get paid for their housework.

Angry members of a group called Women Want Wages met in Berne, Switzerland, last month to finalize plans for the strike, which is scheduled to begin Friday, January 12. They say they're sick of waiting for handouts from stingy husbands and want federal governments to foot the bill for their support.

"No matter what our national differences, we all have the same drudgery to do at home," Selva Santiago, president of the group, said in a speech before 4,750 delegates. "We're all sick of mopping up, cooking and wiping runny noses — then having to beg our menfolk for a little money for ourselves.

"We want to be paid what we're worth for a change. We're the ones who produce the world's labor force. We're the ones who feed them. We clean up after teachers, heads of companies and farmers and we do it day in and day out without a break."

Mrs. Santiago and her followers believe they can get governments to sit up and take notice if women simply stop work and unite in their demands.

Here's what the housewives' group wants *NEWS* readers to do when they join the strike:

● Stop cooking meals. Let hubby or the kids fix their own.

● Let the dirt pile up at home. Throw out your mops and brooms and use the scrub bucket for a planter.

● Let the kids run wild. Your husband can take care of them if they need something.

● Leave the laundry. Let your hubby and kids wash their own.

● Iron no more. The wrinkles in their shirts will remind your family of the wrinkles you're getting slaving for them year after year.

● Get out of the house. Take up some new hobbies, treat yourself to a movie. While things are falling apart at home, you'll need to get away from it all.

● Make a mess. Since you aren't in charge of the cleanup any more, feel free to live like a slob. Drop your socks when you take them off, like your husband does. Leave a trail of possessions from one end of the house to the other, just like the kids do. Relax, enjoy.

"With tactics like these, we think we can win concessions within a few weeks," Mrs. Santiago said. "And maybe we'll be treated with a little more respect from then on."

Stress makes itching worse

Folks who are troubled by skin disease should avoid stress at all costs because it may make the itching and inflammation worse.

A study recently published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, shows nerve fibers in the skin release a protein that triggers inflammation, such as in psoriasis.

"There is now some evidence to show that, at least in the skin, the immune response is controlled to some extent by state of mind and emotional status," said Dr. George Murphy, the study's lead author.

First-class sharpshooter

A police marksman shoved a rifle through the letter slot in a homeowner's front door, then shot and killed a giant dog — after the enraged animal trapped three family members in a bedroom.

The snarling Rottweiler had suddenly attacked his master, Graham Wall — chasing Wall, his wife and their 8-month-old daughter into a back room.

A neighbor called Eastwood, England, police after hearing the family screaming for help. Cops shot the pooch when efforts to snare it or calm it with doped food failed.

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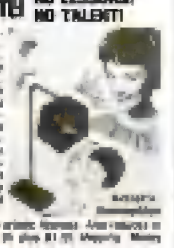

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ELEPHANT BABY SHOCKER!

By IRWIN FISHER

Doctors aborted a woman's 12-week-old fetus after tests showed he had a long, slender trunk like a baby elephant's!

"The decision to terminate the pregnancy was based solely on the deformities of the fetus," Dr. Klaus Hafner told reporters in Karl-Marx-Stadt, East Germany.

"In all likelihood the baby would have survived. But the mother did not wish to bring such a creature into the world for his sake and hers."

Hafner refused to identify the would-be mother or her husband but he did say that both were handling the abortion well.

The couple have been married less than two years, he said. And the baby, which they wanted badly, would have been their first child.

"The pregnancy proceeded flawlessly for almost three months before our tests began to indicate that something was wrong," said Dr. Hafner.

"Sonograms, which reveal the general shape of the fetus and can reveal deformities, showed a rather large protrusion coming from the head.

"We initially thought that our tests were faulty but follow-up studies proved that they were not. The three-inch fetus had an inch-long trunk and looked more like an elephant than a human child."

Dr. Peter Dobler assisted Dr. Hafner in the analysis of the sonogram and abortion and is trying to determine what could have caused the tragic fetus to sprout a trunk instead of a nose.

The mother had taken antibiotics before she realized she was pregnant, he said, and there may be a connection.

"The results of our studies aren't yet in but antibiotics are all we have to go on," said Dr. Dobler.

Mom has an abortion after tests reveal he has a trunk

TRAGIC baby, shown here in a doctor's hand, was aborted after 12 weeks because tests revealed a hideously deformed nose.

Lending a hand

Handlers have to feed Corky the baby whale with a bottle — the little guy loves milk and can't get enough of it. Corky was taken in by an aquarium in Perth, Australia, after his mother was washed up on a beach.

How to be a shoe-in for a job

You've got to put your best foot forward if you want that new job — so make sure your shoes are shined!

According to a nationwide survey of 250 hiring professionals, scuffed shoes was the most common reason a male job seeker didn't make a good first impression.

The poll was commissioned by Kiwi Brands, makers of shoe polish.

Blabbermouth killer convicted of beheading his girlfriend

VICTIM Barbara Baughman was killed by her boyfriend who talked his way into jail.

By JACK ALEXANDER

A careful killer murdered his lover, chopped off her head and hands and hid her body, but got caught anyway — because he couldn't keep his mouth shut.

He chopped up the body to hide the evidence — & then couldn't keep from bragging

Thomas Fisher told a friend he tried to destroy the hands of Barbara Baughman, 32, in a garbage disposal, and when that didn't work, he burned them to remove fingerprints.

"I doubt if we would ever have discovered what happened to Miss Baughman if Fisher hadn't bragged to a buddy that he'd killed her," said Assistant District Attorney Mario Del Prado of San Antonio, Tex.

Two days after Fisher, 42, drowned his live-in girlfriend in a bathtub, he told a friend, Cesar Marquez, 28, he and Miss Baughman had an argument. When Marquez asked if he had hurt her, Fisher replied, "I killed her."

Marquez told police who rigged him with a body microphone and tape recorder and told him to go back and get Fisher to repeat the gruesome story.

Fisher was very obliging, telling his pal every horrible detail about hacking off her head and hands. But he didn't say where he hid the body.

"It wasn't taken care of in a real good way, but I took care of it. She should have been buried," said a voice on the tape identified as Fisher's.

Marquez testified in court that he saw Fisher dump what appeared to be ashes in an alley two days after Miss Baughman disappeared. Marquez said he later found fingers and bones among the ashes and turned them over to police.

Though prosecutors couldn't prove in court the fingers and bones were the victim's, a jury convicted Fisher of murder.

"We haven't found the victim's head or body, but we have the man responsible for killing her," said Del Prado.

Pudding toss breaks coach's neck

A referee at a high school wrestling match suffered a broken neck when he was slammed headfirst into a ringful of chocolate pudding.

No one was supposed to get hurt, but the stunt backfired and Steve Edwards was rushed to a hospital in Syracuse, N.Y., in serious condition.

"They lifted him over their heads but two of the wrestlers lost their footing in the pudding and dropped him," said Camillus, N.Y., Police Chief Larry Fleming.

The stunt was part of a program of fund-raising wrestling matches at West Genesee High School. Edwards, 19, and the four teen wrestlers had rehearsed it many times.

"It was strictly an accident," Chief Fleming told *The NEWS*. "There was about two feet of pudding in the ring. No one was supposed to get hurt."

Edwards worked for RTA Productions. Doctors at first thought he had suffered a dislocated bone, but X rays later revealed a bone in his neck was broken.

"It definitely was part of the show," said RTA Productions owner Rita Rosenbaum. "They accidentally dropped him."

No charges will be filed against the four student wrestlers, said Chief Fleming.

— JAMES HILLMAN

Victim tapes fatal wreck

Sheriff's deputies are trying to piece together what happened in a fatal accident by viewing a videotape of the car crash taken by a passenger who was killed in the smashup.

Cops in Holland, Mich., say Jeff Sharenbroch, 26, had his camera running when the driver of his car pulled out to pass another car and lost control.

Sharenbroch was killed. Two people in the other car also died in the crash.

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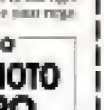

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MONK HASN'T SLEPT A WINK IN 76 YEARS!

Parking spot

It's a dog's life being chained to a light pole with only two hours of parking time. This mournful mutt gives a weary over-the-shoulder glance after being tied outside a convenience store in Richmond, Va.

Judge on the run

An ex-judge who cheated clients out of thousands of dollars has escaped from a federal prison — only hours before he was to be released. Former Maryland Judge Paul Ottinger had just finished a six-month sentence at Eglin Air Force Base for bank fraud. "We're a little mystified by his actions," said an

He stayed awake through Depression, world wars & men landing on the moon

By KEVIN JONES

Psychiatrists are racing to unravel the secrets of an 87-year-old monk who hasn't slept a wink in 76 years.

Field investigators working hand-in-glove with the World Health Organization reportedly found the Buddhist holy man living alone in a forest west of Gurla Mandhata in mysterious Tibet.

Sources in the international research community confirmed reports that the sprightly old man, who claims all mankind has the power to make sleep optional but refuses to say more, agreed to undergo evaluation after initial testing indicated that he does not have to sleep.

In fact, the author of a report smuggled from an undisclosed research facility in Vienna, Austria, flatly labeled the monk, called Dawa, "the greatest wonder of the modern world."

"That statement isn't as outrageous as it sounds if you take a moment to savor the impact of what is being said about this man," declared Dr. Bernard Holtzman, an independent West German researcher who is fighting to make the secret study of Dawa public.

"He was awake through two world wars as well as the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam; awake through the worldwide Depression of the 1930s, awake when Russia launched *Sputnik* in 1957 and again when America sent the first man to the moon.

"You could literally fill a history book with the events he has not slept through. It sounds fantastic, but from what I've seen of the research, he hasn't taken so much as a catnap since 1913 — when he was 11 years old."

BUDDHIST monk Dawa says anyone can learn to do without sleep for years and years.

DOCTORS BAFFLED BY HIS AMAZING ABILITY

leaks and rumor about Dawa have been appearing in top newspapers throughout Asia and Europe.

But nothing concrete was published until Dr. Holtzman obtained a copy of the smuggled report and showed it to reporters.

The startling document made it clear that investigators were skeptical when they heard about Dawa's ability from villagers in Tibet.

But at the end of a round-the-clock, seven-day field study, they were convinced that he hadn't slept a wink, the report said.

On Dawa's arrival in Vienna, advanced testing equipment determined that he could stay awake and actually hold conversations while his vital signs hovered at levels lower than those normal people have when sound asleep!

"That's intriguing — but there's more," Dr. Holtzman told reporters.

"He's been at the facility for three months, and they have yet to induce sleep with drugs, sedatives or tranquilizers.

"Even more puzzling is the condition of his body," added Dr. Holtzman. "You'd expect a man like him to test out like a 30-year-old or even a 120-year-old.

"In fact, he seems to have the same degree of arteriosclerosis and weakening of the heart muscle as an average man of 87.

"Should we learn his secret, it might be possible for all of us to go without sleep," said the expert.

America's oldest doc, 90, still making house calls

By CINDY O'NEIL

In 1928 Dr. Anna Perkins began working as a "country doctor" in upstate New York — and six decades later America's oldest doc is still on the job an incredible 13 hours a day!

"I'm 90 years old and I'll keep working as long as I'm able," Dr. Perkins proudly declared. "If I live past 100, I'll have lived in three centuries."

Her working day begins at 8:00 a.m. seven days a week and often doesn't end until 9 at night. The doctor still sees up to two-dozen patients a day and incredibly, she still charges only $5 a visit!

She is fondly referred to as the "Old Doc" by the residents of rural Westerlo, N.Y., where she has treated four generations of farmers and villagers, and still makes house calls. When Herbert Hoover was President the doc charged $5 per visit. Six decades later her fee remains the same.

"When I first started working my practice only consisted of house calls and I'm so fortunately fixed, I never had to charge any more," said Dr. Perkins.

"In the old days it used to be so difficult getting to calls because of the snow. I'd go as far as I could with the car and then strap on some snowshoes and just keep going. Sometimes the folks would pick me up in a horse and wagon to go the rest of the way.

. . . and works an incredible 13 hours a day, 7 days a week!

STILL going strong at 90, travelin' doc Anna Perkins treats up to 26 patients daily — in their homes — at five bucks per visit!

Back in the 1920s when Dr. Perkins attended Columbia Medical School, there were only 10 women in her class. She wanted to enroll in Harvard, but they didn't admit women in those days, she says.

The silver-haired doc has witnessed many changes in medicine over the years. The most important advancements have been the children's vaccines and antibiotics, she says.

In her opinion many young lives have been saved with these "wonder drugs."

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Heart transplant shocker:

'A DEAD MAN'S SPIRIT IS TAKING OVER MY MIND!'

STRANGE FEELINGS: Heinz Honecker believes his new heart has changed his emotions and his personality.

By JOHN SUMMERS

Psychiatrists are baffled by an extraordinary heart transplant case in which the patient claims that his life-saving donor organ has triggered "transplanted emotions."

The 47-year-old patient says he has developed new and strange attachments to the donor's family since he underwent transplant surgery — and he blames the donor organ.

"The patient, who appears to have recovered most satisfactorily from his transplant, is very depressed and agitated by the emotional consequences of the surgery," said Dr. Walter Neumann, a psychiatrist who reported on the bizarre phenomenon before the Association of Psychiatric Workers in Leipzig, East Germany.

Members of his family are complete strangers!

"He firmly believes that the foreign heart has changed his feelings. He says that he developed a love and attachment for the donor's family that defies rational explanation. He complains that his own family members mean nothing at all now."

According to Dr. Neumann, patient Heinz Honecker noticed his unusual symptoms immediately after surgery last March.

"He feels he is not an honest, that he would be willing to cheat and lie in a manner that would not have been comfortable for him previously," said Dr. Neumann.

"He's terribly upset by these changes.

"His brain remains the brain of Heinz Honecker — but his feelings are those of someone else."

Dr. Neumann says Honecker's relatives are deeply disturbed by the drastic changes in their loved one, while relatives of the donor have refused all contact with the patient because of his bizarre attachment to them.

"The patient wishes he had never undergone his heart transplant," explained Dr. Neumann. "We are working to help him express his frustration and anxiety, but we have found no way to help him. As far as we can determine, this type of problem is unique in the history of heart transplants.

"It may be merely an aspect of some underlying mental illness that came to light after the man's surgery.

"But we must also acknowledge the possibility that some part of the dead donor's personality has actually taken root in his heart's new owner."

Man slices off wife's earlobes

By JORGE FEDUILLU in Sao Paulo, Brazil

Hotheaded hubby Osvaldo Pereira da Silva got so riled up when his wishy-washy wife turned women's libber that he decided to show her the error of her ways — by hacking off her earlobes.

"A woman who wants to be like a man doesn't need a place to wear earrings," snarled ornery Osvaldo of Teresina, Brazil. "It was a harsh thing I did, but she got the point."

The furious fire fighter not only cut off chunks of the screaming woman's ears, he refused to let her have plastic surgery to repair his horrifying handiwork. And incredibly, his bloody outburst worked like a charm. His disfigured mate Maria says all is forgiven and she's vowed to become the proper, pot-scrubbing and husband-worshiping housewife she once was.

"I love my husband and I was a very devoted wife," she said from her modest home in Teresina.

"I cooked and cleaned and cared for our baby while Osvaldo worked. He was the master of the house . . . the way it should be." But TV spoiled all that, said mournful Maria, 30.

"The women on television said men were pushing us around. They completely turned my head around.

"I began telling Osvaldo I didn't want to stay home and wait on him. I wanted a job, a life for myself."

Her husband insists he listened sympathetically to his wife's complaints until she started attending lib meetings.

"That was the final straw," Osvaldo said.

He came home and found his mate painting a protest sign.

"He was enraged," Maria recalled. "He grabbed a kitchen knife and held me down and sliced off my earlobes.

"I was bleeding all over and he rushed me to a hospital."

After doctors had sewed her up, the mutilated lady filed charges and police hauled her hubby off to jail. But her anger was short-lived. The next day she dropped the charges and begged Osvaldo to return home.

"I realize that I was wrong."

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A frisky foursome of foxhounds poke their noses through the open window of a trailer in Kensington, N.H. The pooches are waiting for the hunt to get under way.

Man forgets to pick up girlfriend — so he has himself shot

Lame-brained excuse nearly costs him his life

By JACK ALEXANDER

Absentminded Macio Aquino was afraid his girlfriend would scold him because he forgot to pick her up — so he had a friend shoot him.

"This guy did a dumb thing and it almost cost him his life," said police spokesman Howard Baker of Redwood City, Calif.

After forgetting to meet his girlfriend at a doctor's office, Aquino, 20, drove to the home of a 15-year-old friend.

"He handed his teenage pal a .25-caliber pistol and asked to be shot in the arm," said Officer Baker. "He was going to use that as an excuse for forgetting to pick up his girlfriend."

The unidentified teen obliged, shooting Aquino in the left arm, said cops.

Then he drove Aquino, who was bleeding badly, to Kaiser Hospital in nearby San Francisco.

Aquino claimed he had been robbed and shot, but the teenager told Officer Milton Borgens what really happened.

"He was lucky his friend got him to the hospital when he did," said Officer Baker.

"Aquino had lost a lot of blood and was in shock."

Cops were amazed that Aquino didn't realize the firepower of his .25-caliber pistol.

"The man owned the gun but didn't know he could have blown his arm off with it," said Officer Baker.

"He told Officer Borgens, 'It looks nothing like this on television.'"

Aquino's girlfriend later picked him up at the hospital. "I guess the little shot in the arm really worked," said Officer Baker.

"Because she didn't seem mad at him.

"If he forgets to pick her up again, I'll bet he opts for the tongue-lashing."

Wild 'n' wacky SUPERSTITIONS

Everyone knows it's bad luck if a black cat crosses your path. But what if a bat or a wild bird gets in your house — that's a bad omen, too.

Here are more old-time customs, sayings and superstitions. They come from Mary Bishop of Bibb County, Ga., who says she heard most of them from her late grandmother.

● Don't drop a wet dish rag on the floor or you'll have company before it dries.

● When you visit a house you've never been to before, be sure to leave out the same door you came in.

● If your lips itch, you'll get a kiss.

● When you shuck corn and it's tight on the cob, it'll be a very cold winter.

● Never take ashes out of the fireplace after dark.

● Place a rock under your bed and you'll sleep good.

● While setting the table, if you drop a fork, a woman will come for dinner; a knife, a man will come.

● If an inchworm gets on you, you'll get a new dress.

● Should a spider hang down from the ceiling, a stranger will come to your home.

● If it rains while the sun is shining, the devil is beating his wife with a frying pan.

● A clothespin clipped on your clothing is good luck.

● If you stir milk with a fork, the cow will kick you.

● Don't hit anyone with a broom. It'll make them lazy.

● If you're in a bad need of rain and happen upon a snake, kill it and hang it over a fence and rain will soon follow.

● Never tell a bad dream before eating breakfast.

● Don't rock a chair without

BIG BANG BUCKS

According to the book *On An Average Day* (Ballantine Books, New York) the Department of Defense awards $428,767,123 in contracts.

All eyes on spuds at the Potato Museum

By CINDY O'NEIL

Tom and Meredith Hughes are crazy about potatoes — and they've opened the world's smallest museum in honor of the sensational spud!

The Potato Museum is in the basement of their home in Washington, D.C. It houses more than 400 items from the Hughes' collection of 2,000 potato artifacts. Displays include the "Tater Time Clock" which is powered by electrical current supplied by the acids from two spuds, 4,000 year-old potatoes preserved in a jar, potato mashers, slicers and peelers, and products made from potatoes such as Polish vodka.

"The goodness of the potato knows no bounds," said the Hughes who have written *The Great Potato Book*. So great is their love for spuds the couple have nicknamed their 5-year-old son Gulliver, "Tater Tot."

Peel off the pounds

48

By SUSAN JIMISON

If you're an on-again, off-again dieter, the 48-Hour Diet is for you — because it uses your weak willpower as an advantage that helps you melt away holiday flab in hours.

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And a special list of bonus foods that includes luxuries like alcoholic beverages and ice cream makes you feel like you're feasting. After you've selected from among these favorite foods, you'll have nipped any cravings in the bud.

To begin your diet, start the Low-Cal Meal Plan on a Monday, for example. Continue with the Low-Cal Plan on Tuesday, switch to the Take-a-Break Plan Wednesday and Thursday, go back to the Low-Cal Friday, and so forth. Follow these few rules as well.

- Always check with your doctor before going on a diet.
- Take a vitamin pill while you're dieting.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Stick to the diet plan.
- If you become ill with a cold or the flu, stop the diet until you feel better again and then continue.
- Use low calorie products whenever possible.

Pushy parents and teachers can cripple kids for life

By JACKIE STACK

Parents and teachers who push children to learn too much too soon may be crippling them for life!

That's the conclusion of a dramatic new study that says kids who are pressed to read, write and use computers before they enter first grade do more poorly in school than kids who are allowed to learn at their own pace.

"We forget that play is the work of childhood," said Kathryn Hirsh-Pasek, one of the authors of the study called *Academic Environments in Early Childhood: Challenge and Pressure.*

"We need to have respect for children and let them explore and learn on their own."

According to Miss Hirsh-Pasek's study, kids who are pushed to learn more than they can handle at the age of 3 or 4 tend to be less creative and more anxious than other kids.

They also tend to lose any academic advantage they had when they first entered elementary school.

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48-hour low-cal meal plan

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Choose one from each category:

Fruit: ½ grapefruit; 1 small orange
Protein: 1 egg, boiled or poached; 1 oz. hard cheese; ¼ cup pot, farmer or low-fat cottage cheese; 2 oz. fish
Starch: 1 slice toast; ¾ cup ready-to-eat, unsweetened cereal
Beverage: 1 cup skim milk plus coffee or tea with artificial sweetener

LUNCH
Choose one from each category:

Protein: 2 oz. hard cheese or ½ cup pot or cottage cheese; 4 oz. poultry, (no skin) fish or lean meat, baked, broiled or boiled
Starch: 1 slice bread; 1 small biscuit; 6 saltines; ½ bagel or ½ English muffin
Veggie: 1 cup asparagus, cauliflower, cucumber, greens, lettuce, celery, broccoli, cabbage or green beans
Fruit: 1 small apple; ¼ cantaloupe; 1 small pear; 2 apricots; 1 cup strawberries; 12 grapes
Beverage: 1 cup skim milk plus coffee, tea or no-cal soda

DINNER
Choose one from each category:

Protein: 7 oz. lean meat, fish or poultry, fat and skin removed, boiled, broiled or baked
Veggie: 1 cup carrots, peas, beets or onions plus 1 cup asparagus, cauliflower, cucumber, greens, lettuce celery, broccoli, cabbage or green beans
Fruit: 1 small apple; ¼ cantaloupe; 1 small pear; 2 apricots; 1 cup strawberries; 12 grapes
Beverage: 1 cup skim milk plus coffee, tea or no-cal soda

● Supplement your low-cal menu with these foods. You may have as much as you want: salt, pepper, soy sauce, herbs, spices, lemon juice, coffee, tea, low-cal soda, club soda, mustard, paprika, low-cal gelatin, horseradish, hot pepper sauce, artificial sweetener, vinegar, garlic, bouillon, dill pickles.

48-hour take-a-break meal plan

BREAKFAST
Choose one from each category:

Fruit: 1 small apple; 2 fresh apricots; ½ cup blueberries; ½ cup strawberries; 1 small orange; ¼ cantaloupe; ½ cup orange juice; ½ cup apple juice; ½ grapefruit
Protein: 2 eggs; 2 oz. fish; 2 oz. hard cheese; 4 tbsps. peanut butter; ½ cup low-fat cottage cheese
Starch: 2 slices toast; 1 bagel; ¾ cup ready-to-eat unsweetened cereal; ½ cup grits; ½ cup cooked cereal
Fat: ½ tsp. butter or margarine; ½ tsp. cooking oil; ½ tbsp. cream cheese; ½ tbsp. heavy cream
Beverage: 1 cup skim milk or skim buttermilk plus choice of coffee or tea

LUNCH
Choose one from each category:

Protein: 4 oz. lean beef, lamb, pork or chicken, fat and skin removed; 1 cup salmon, tuna, crab or lobster; 4 slices cold cuts (bologna, salami, minced ham); 4 oz. fish; 4 oz. hard cheese
Starch: 1 slice bread; ½ bagel; ½ toasted English muffin; ½ cup cooked rice; ½ cup cooked pasta; 3 crackers; 1 tortilla; 3 tbsps. bread crumbs; ½ cup mashed potatoes; ½ cup sweet potatoes; ½ cup corn
Veggie: ½ cup asparagus, tomatoes, greens, green beans, green pepper, broccoli, cabbage, spinach, cucumber, cauliflower, lettuce
Fruit: 1 small apple; 2 fresh apricots; ½ cup blueberries; ½ cup strawberries; 1 small orange; ¼ cantaloupe; ½ cup orange juice; ½ cup apple juice
Fat: ½ tsp. butter or margarine; ½ tsp. cooking oil; ½ tbsp. cream cheese; ½ tbsp. heavy cream; ½ tbsp. French dressing
Beverage: 1 cup skim milk or skim buttermilk plus choice of coffee, tea or no-cal soda

DINNER
Choose one from each category:

Protein: 7 oz. lean beef, lamb, pork, chicken or turkey, fat and skin removed, boiled, baked or broiled; 1 cup tuna, crab or lobster; 6 oz. hard cheese; 1 cup lowfat cottage cheese; 7 oz. fish
Starch: 1 small potato; ½ cup mashed potato; ½ cup sweet potato; 1 slice bread; 1 biscuit; ½ cup cooked rice or pasta; ½ cup lima beans
Veggie: (Choose one from each subgroup) **Group A:** ½ cup asparagus, green beans, tomatoes, greens, green pepper, broccoli, cabbage, green beans, spinach, cucumber, cauliflower, lettuce **Group B:** ½ cup beets, carrots, onions, peas, winter squash or pumpkin
Fat: ½ tsp. butter or margarine; ½ tsp. cooking oil; ½ tbsp. cream cheese; ½ tbsp. heavy cream; ½ tbsp. French dressing
Beverage: 1 cup skim milk or skim buttermilk plus choice of coffee, tea or no-cal soda

● BONUS FOODS: Choose one each day to beef up your take-a-break meal plan: 2 cups popcorn, plain, or 1 cup plus 1 tsp. butter; 4 small cookies; 1 candy bar; 4 oz. potato chips; 4 oz. pretzels; 1 small serving french fries; 5 tbsps. sugar; 1 cup ice cream; 1 small slice pizza; 4 tsps. butter or margarine; 4 tbsps. gravy; 4 tbsps. sour cream; 4 tbsps. cream; 1 drink with hard liquor; 2 beers.

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